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Lou Kastner


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**George Cross-Courage has responded to "Soccer Action's" call for testimonial matches by announcing it plans to have a testimonial for goalkeeper Lou Kastner this year.**

George Cross manager **Ken Pattison** said the club committee had decided unanimously to pay tribute to Kastner for his 15 years of service.

Kastner, 29, started with the George Cross juniors.

**He has played for Victoria and was in Australia's 1969 World Cup squad.**

Ken Pattison said he would like George Cross to play against a select team in the testimonial match.

He said he may include guest players in his own team, to add glamour to the game.

Proceeds from the match will be given to Kastner.

This German-born goalkeeper with the Scottish accent has been among the finest in Australia since he entered senior ranks.

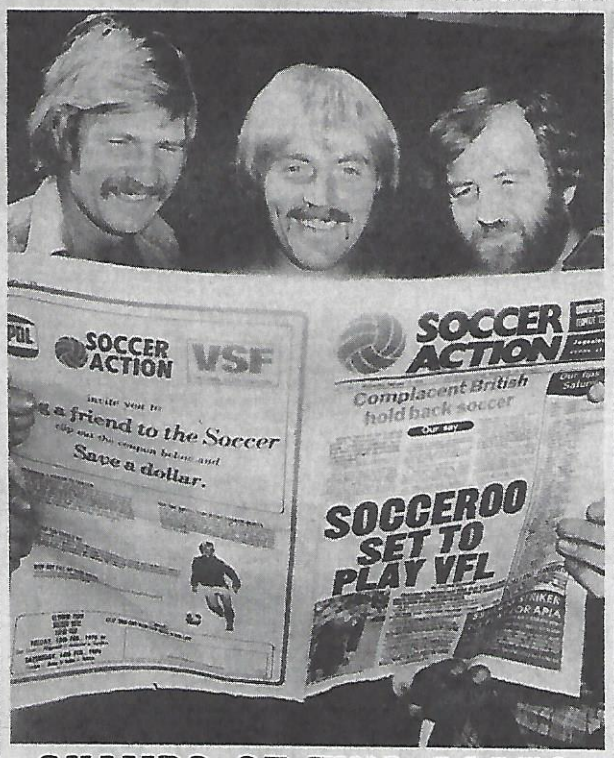
Two of his most incredible performances were in the 1974 Ampol Cup semi-final against Juventus when he saved two penalties and in the 1973 State League Cup final, in which George Cross beat Hakoah 3-0.

"**The Age**" reported after the State League Cup final:

"It's Kastner's Cup. That's what they were saying at Olympic Park yesterday after George Cross had beaten Hakoah 3-0 . . .

**"Lou Kastner was incredible. The George Cross goalkeeper, in one of the finest matches of his career, saved four certain goals in the second half.**

"In a 15-minute period of spectacular acrobatics, Kastner pounced like a cat to hold Steve Gadsby's free kick, saved Jean Durand's shot from 10 metres, turned back Mike Clarey and flew like a bird to intercept Mike Micevski's dangerous cross before Clarey could get his head to it."




## CHAMPS OF TWO CODES

**Workmates John Newman, (left), Peter Ollerton(middle) and Doug Wade (right) agree on most things, but there is one thing that the three sportsmen can't agree on — the correct football code.**

**John Newman and Doug Wade, two of the all-time greats of Australian Rules, spared a minute to read about Ollerton's top-class game against Velez Mostar in Sydney. Ollerton, Newman and Wade are work mates at Gresham Tecnique of Hawthorn, Victoria.**

## Bring a friend

**Have you taken advantage yet of the unique Ampol offer that appears on the back page of "Soccer Action"?**

Ampol gives you the chance to bring a friend to the soccer for half price.

All you have to do is cut out the coupon, have it stamped by your Ampol service station and present it at the ticket window at Olympic Park.

By doing this, you'll get a half-price admission ticket.

It's a far-sighted attempt to increase attendances at the Ampol Cup night soccer series, on every Friday and Saturday night.

While you're at your Ampol dealer, why not BY DOING SO YOU'LL BE SUPPORTING SOCCER.

## Ollerton Cole wined, dined

**Peter Ollerton of Hellas and Gary Cole of Alexander (pictured) are our first Ampol Cup players of the week.**

Each of them wins a dinner for two at the North Steak House, 355 North Road, South Caulfield (tel. 58-6150).

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Australian goalkeeper **Jim Milisavljevic** runs the restaurant.

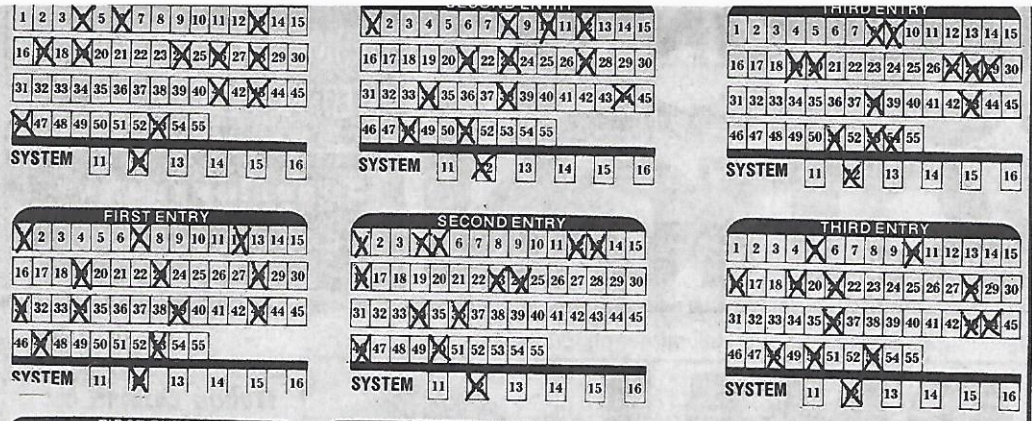
"Soccer Action" thanks him for initiating the Ampol Cup best players award.

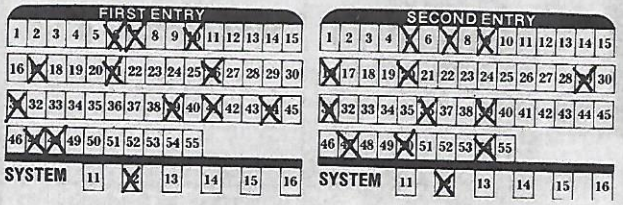
Every week we will name two outstanding Ampol Cup players — one from the Friday night and one from the Saturday night.

**Gary Cole (front) pictured with Sunshine's Peter Lewis in last week's**

## Our tips for Saturday

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Arsenal Birmingham | 1 |
| 2 | Aston Villa Man. Utd | X |
| 3 | Leeds Middlesbro' | 1 |
| 4 | Leicester Sheff. Utd. | 1 |
| 5 | Liverpool Newcastle | 1 |
| 6 | Man. City Everton | 1 |
| 7 | Norwich Coventry | 1 |
| 8 | Q.P.R. Ipswich | 1 |
| 9 | Stoke Tottenham | X |
| 10 | West Ham Derby | 1 |
| 11 | Wolves Burnley | 1 |
| 12 | Blackburn Portsmouth | 1 |
| 13 | Blackpool Oxford Utd. | X |
| 14 | Bristol C. Nott'm For. | 1 |
| 15 | Carlisle Bolton | X |
| 16 | Fulham York | 1 |
| 17 | Hull West Brom. | 2 |
| 18 | Notts C. Chelsea | 1 |
| 19 | Oldham Luton | 1 |
| 20 | Plymouth Bristol R. | X |
| 21 | South'pton Orient | 1 |
| 22 | Sunderland Charlton | 1 |
| 23 | Brighton Halifax | 1 |
| 24 | Buy Preston | X |
| 25 | Chester Port Vale | 1 |
| 26 | Chesterf'ld Walsall | X |
| 27 | Colchester Cardiff | X |
| 28 | Crystal Palace Wrexham | 1 |
| 29 | Gillingham Millwall | X |
| 30 | Hereford Southend | 1 |
| 31 | Mansfield Grimsby | X |
| 32 | Rotherham Shrewsbury | X |
| 33 | Sheff. Wed. Aldershot | 1 |
| 34 | Swindon Peterboro' | X |
| 35 | Camb'ge Utd. Rochdale | X |
| 36 | Darlington Huddersf'ld | X |
| 37 | Hartlepool Bradford C, | 1 |
| 38 | Lincoln Work'gton | 1 |
| 39 | Newport Doncaster | X |
| 40 | Reading Torquay | 1 |
| 41 | Scunthorpe Bournem'th | 2 |
| 42 | Southport North'pton | 2 |
| 43 | Watford Brentford | 1 |
| 44 | Aberdeen Celtic | 2 |
| 45 | Ayr. Utd. Rangers | 1 |
| 46 | Dundee St Johns'ne | 1 |
| 47 | Hearts Dundee Utd. | 1 |
| 48 | Moth'well Hibernian | 1 |
| 49 | Airdrie St Mirren | 1 |
| 50 | Clyde Hamilton | X |
| 51 | Dumbarton Arbroath | 1 |
| 52 | Dunf'mline Partick | 2 |
| 53 | East Fife Q. of South | 1 |
| 54 | Kilmarnock Falkirk | 1 |
| 55 | Montrose Morton | 1 |




# The numbers game

**with KNUT WERNER**

**Last week we picked seven out of the nine score draws. Lamentably, they weren't all on the same entry.**

I've noticed over the past several weeks that the column containing the numbers that occur most often, has enjoyed the greater success.

Of this column, entries three, four and five, have had the most score draws.

Taking this into account, my selections for Saturday are based on this part of the mathematical coupling.

Using 37 numbers that have been in the relatively successful range, I'm going to use eight entries of system 12.

As this works out to $12, it may be best to form a syndicate. On the other hand, it suits the intrepid gambler.

Although one does not have to take all eight entries, this leaves the problem of which one to omit to keep the financial outlay down.

The crossing of Quadrella favorites also poses this problem. But that is the colorful stuff that gambling is made of.

# For those who trust the stars

For those who follow the stars, here are the forecasts of our astrologer:

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 20-Feb 18) 5, 16, 22, 26, 27, 29, 31, 35, 37, 38, 41.

**PISCES** (Feb 19-March 20) 7, 9, 12, 18, 28, 29, 34, 47, 49, 50, 52.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) 8, 13, 23, 25, 28, 31, 34, 43, 47, 52, 54.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) 5, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 24, 29, 42, 46, 51.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 26, 43, 47, 49, 53.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 22, 25, 33, 45, 47, 53.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22) 1, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 34, 38.

**VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sept 22) 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 20, 30, 35, 40, 41, 50.

**LIBRA** (Sept 23-Oct 22) 3, 5, 8, 15, 16, 17, 30, 33, 41, 44, 51.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23-Nov 21) 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 17, 22, 32, 39, 54.

**SAGGITARIUS** (Nov 22-Dec 21) 7, 9, 13, 16, 26, 30, 37, 48, 53, 54, 55.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 19) 2, 22, 24, 26, 27, 30, 33, 34, 40, 44, 54.

## $40,000 MAY BE POOLS PRIZE

**Vernons estimate the first dividend prize on last Saturday's pools at $40,000.**

**The numbers representing the score draws were: 1, 8, 13, 30, 35, 44, 47, 52, 54, 55.**

**The no score match numbers were: 7, 11, 32, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 49.**

# McCormack for APIA

**Striker Roy McCormack from Scottish club Dumbarton arrived on Monday to join APIA.**

It is hoped he will prove a worthy replacement for **Peter Ollerton**, now with South Melbourne Hellas.

McCormack, 24, played at Dumbarton with **Willie Wallace** and **Ken Wilson** who are both with APIA.

# Mayor to open Chelsea rooms

**The mayor of Chelsea, Cr Tom Johnston, will officially open the Chelsea club's new sporting complex at Edithvale on Saturday.**

To celebrate the opening, the Chelsea club will play two games of soccer against neighbouring side Frankston.

There will also be a junior game during the afternoon. Visitors are welcome.

## RICHMOND BEATS CROYDON

**Richmond beat First Division club Croydon 3-2 in a practice match at Croydon on Saturday.**

The score was 1-1 at half time.

Richmond's goalscorers were **Otti Damaschun, Conny Arentz** and **Frank Bachhofer.** Best players were **Damaschun** and **Philip Dodin.**

Richmond's next match is against Box Hill at Box Hill on Saturday. On Sunday week, Richmond takes four teams to Waverley.

# Best bets

**By PETER SWEENEY**

**ASTON VILLA v MAN. UTD.:** Manchester United's attack holds the key to this match. Home ground advantage will be a big factor in Aston Villa's favor, as it's an extremely hard side to down on its own surface. Villa will pull out all stops in an attempt to upset second placed United, which is in top form.

**STOKE v TOTTENHAM:** Tottenham's away record is quite impressive, whereas Stoke doesn't perform as well at home as most other sides do. Tottenham will rely on John Duncan and Martin Chivers to stop the home club from scoring a win.

**BLACKPOOL v OXFORD UTD.:** Blackpool would have to win this match to have any show of moving up the table. Top class player Trait is the man Oxford will count on to destroy the home attack.

**PLYMOUTH v BRISTOL R:** I don't expect Bristol Rovers to dent the good home record of Plymouth but it should be able to force a draw. It is lucky for Plymouth that it has the home game, because it's yet to score a win away from its headquarters.

**BURY v PRESTON:** Preston travels to Bury and will be in for a tough match. In recent matches Bury has been relying on other sides to make the mistakes. The evenness of the teams is shown in their positions on the table.

**CHESTERFIELD v WALSALL:** Highly placed Walsall will pull out everything in an effort to get the points in this game, because it still has a chance of promotion. Chesterfield striker Terry Shanahan is the side's ace man. Walsall has a striker just as good, former Liverpool star Alan Evans.

**COLCHESTER v CARDIFF:** It seems stupid! Fancy anyone in their right frame of mind tipping second last side Colchester holding fifth placed Cardiff to a draw. The Chesters might even cause an upset. Colchester's defence is watertight, especially on its home ground.

**ROTHERHAM v SHREWSBURY:** Shrewsbury's plan of attack is logical — to draw the match. The club's visiting record points that this will be the result.

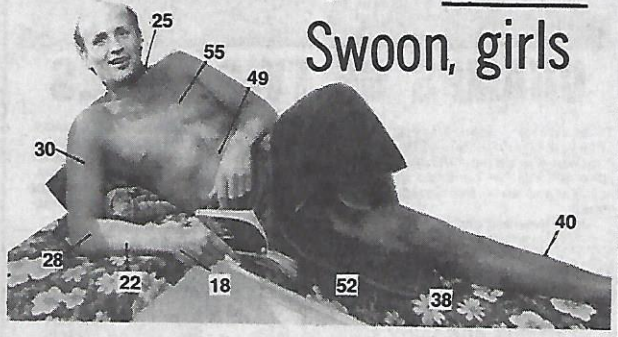
**DARLINGTON v HUDDERSFIELD:** Well-placed Huddersfield will visit Darlington expecting to return home with the points but the home side won't oblige. Darlington should be able to hold its opponents to a draw.

**NEWPORT v DONCASTER:** Doncaster's splendid away record holds it in good stead for a match of this nature. But Newport is an extremely tough team to down at home. Midfielder Chris Balderstone and Brendan O'Callaghan are the two trumps Doncaster places its faith on to win games but Newport's never-get-rattled style game regularly brings it out on top.

**CLYDE v HAMILTON:** This match points to being a certain draw. Hamilton's attack is deadly when firing and if given too much latitude will have a feast day. Still, the Clyde defence will be hard to penetrate and a drawn match seems on the cards.

## Woman's Intuition with MARILYN

# Swoon, girls




**Mrs. Marcia Clare of West Footscray, Victoria, suggested I run a male pin-up, the way Cleo does.**

OK, Marcia, here he is, pin-up No. 1. Recognise him? It's George Wallace, secretary of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

I've used his vital statistics as our Pools numbers for this week. There are 10 numbers and we leave the 11th. to you, girls.

Don't forget, send us your Pools tips. If yours is the neatest CORRECT one opened, you will receive a free box of chocolates.

Send your entries to Marilyn, "Soccer Action," 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, 3000.

**DIVISION 1**

| | | HOME goals | | | | | AWAY goals | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Liverpool | 28 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 7 | 39 |
| Man. Utd | 28 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 18 | 39 |
| QPR | 30 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 17 | 16 | 38 |
| Derby Cnty | 28 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 36 |
| Leeds Utd | 27 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 28 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 35 |
| West Ham | 29 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 26 | 32 |
| Man City | 29 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 29 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 26 | 32 |
| Ipswich | 28 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 30 |
| Middlesbro | 29 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 30 |
| Newcastle | 28 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 37 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 27 | 29 |
| Stoke | 28 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 29 |
| Everton | 28 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 25 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 33 | 29 |
| Leicester | 28 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 21 | 18 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 20 | 29 |
| Coventry | 29 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 23 | 28 |
| Norwich | 28 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 27 |
| Tottenham | 29 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 25 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 22 | 27 |
| Aston Villa | 29 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 27 | 25 |
| Arsenal | 28 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 22 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 23 | 23 |
| Birmingham | 29 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 16 | 36 | 22 |
| Wolves | 28 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 27 | 19 |
| Burnley | 29 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 29 | 18 |
| Sheffield Utd | 29 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 23 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 33 | 11 |

**DIVISION 2**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bolton | 27 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 16 | 38 |
| Bristol City | 29 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 26 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 19 | 15 | 38 |
| Sunderland | 27 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 36 |
| Notts C. | 28 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 19 | 35 |
| WBA | 28 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 34 |
| South'ton | 27 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 23 | 33 |
| Luton | 28 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 20 | 32 |
| Oldham | 29 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 28 | 32 |
| Bristol R. | 29 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| Fulham | 27 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 21 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 29 |
| Carlisle | 29 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 23 | 27 |
| Nottm For. | 28 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 26 |
| Chelsea | 28 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 24 | 26 |
| Blackpool | 28 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 26 |
| Orient | 26 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 25 |
| Blackburn | 28 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 25 |
| Plymouth | 30 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 27 | 25 |
| Charlton | 26 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 23 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 25 |
| Hull | 28 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 23 |
| Oxford | 28 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 20 |
| Portsmouth | 29 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 27 | 16 |
| York | 29 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 25 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 27 | 15 |

**DIVISION 3**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Hereford | 29 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 21 | 39 |
| C. Palace | 29 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 36 |
| Shrewsbury | 29 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 26 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 36 |
| Brighton | 28 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 37 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 35 |
| Cardiff | 29 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 29 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 19 | 26 | 34 |
| Walsall | 31 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 32 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 24 | 34 |
| Peterbro | 27 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 23 | 33 |
| Wrexham | 30 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 24 | 31 |
| Millwall | 30 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 21 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 24 | 31 |
| Preston | 29 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 17 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 30 |
| Port Vale | 29 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 19 | 29 |
| Gillingham | 28 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 28 |
| Rotherham | 29 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 29 | 28 |
| Grimsby | 29 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 29 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 36 | 28 |
| Chester | 28 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 25 | 28 |
| Bury | 28 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 23 | 27 |
| Aldershot | 28 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 25 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 31 | 26 |
| Chesterfield | 30 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 22 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 29 | 24 |
| Swindon | 29 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 29 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 36 | 24 |
| Southend | 25 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 22 |
| Sheffield W. | 27 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 21 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 22 |
| Halifax | 27 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 22 |
| Colchester | 30 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 32 | 21 |
| Mansfield | 28 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 26 | 18 |

**DIVISION 4**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N'hampton | 30 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 44 |
| Lincoln | 27 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 16 | 43 |
| Reading | 29 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 22 | 31 | 39 |
| Tranmere | 29 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 41 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 25 | 38 |
| B'mouth | 29 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 36 |
| Exeter | 31 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 34 |
| Doncaster | 30 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 22 | 33 |
| Huddersfield | 26 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 32 |
| Swansea | 28 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 33 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 24 | 30 |
| Crewe | 30 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 21 | 30 |
| New Port | 27 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 26 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 32 | 29 |
| Watford | 30 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 32 | 29 |
| Torquay | 28 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 32 | 29 |
| Rochdale | 28 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 28 |
| Cambridge | 30 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 22 | 28 |
| Brentford | 28 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 26 | 27 |
| Stockport | 30 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 28 | 27 |
| Hartlepool | 28 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 24 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 26 |
| Bradford | 27 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 22 | 24 |
| Barnsley | 29 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 22 | 24 |
| Darlington | 29 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 29 | 22 |
| Scunthorpe | 29 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 25 | 16 |
| Workington | 29 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 26 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 27 | 13 |
| Southport | 29 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 25 | 9 |

**SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic | 24 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 15 | 34 |
| Rangers | 24 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 33 |
| Motherwell | 24 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 24 | 19 | 31 |
| Hibernian | 23 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 30 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 30 |
| Aberdeen | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 21 | 25 |
| Hearts | 24 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 22 |
| Dundee | 24 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 27 | 21 |
| Ayr | 23 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 24 | 20 |
| Dundee Utd. | 22 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 22 | 14 |
| St. J'stone | 24 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 34 | 6 |

**SCOTTISH DIVISION 1**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partick | 24 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 12 | 37 |
| Kilmarnock | 24 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 33 |
| Montrose | 23 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 18 | 28 |
| Airdrie | 24 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 19 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 25 |
| Fairkirk | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 22 | 24 |
| Arbroath | 24 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 24 |
| St. Mirren | 24 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 23 |
| Dumbarton | 23 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 22 | 22 |
| Q. Of Sth | 24 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 25 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 19 | 22 |
| East Fife | 24 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 26 | 21 |
| Hamilton | 22 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 22 | 20 |
| Morton | 24 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 22 | 20 |
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# WE'RE BACK ON TV

**Victorian State League soccer will definitely be back on GTV9 this year, says the channel's general manager, David Evans.**

"We will go ahead even more enthusiastically than before," he told **'Soccer Action.'**

"We will introduce a number of innovations and we will improve our coverage."

Mr Evans said he would meet VSF officials soon.

State League chairman **Sam Papasavas** said that he wanted to discuss with **Mr Evans** the long-term future of soccer on television.

GTV9 has a three-year contract with the VSF to televise State League matches. This will be the last year of that contract.

Asked whether Channel Nine in Sydney had any intentions of televising soccer, Mr Evans said: "Not at this stage."

# POLONIA BIDS FOR GLORY!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Polonia, which during the 1960s boasted perhaps the finest team yet to play in an Australian competition, is on the way back.**

Last week it launched a massive raid on First Division club, Keilor City, signing four of Keilor's star players.

They are:

EDDY KUPICZ, 27, midfielder, arguably Keilor City's finest player yet. He started as an under 12 when Keilor City was still known as Olympia. He was top scorer with 37 goals in 1966 and 32 in 1967. He has been sought in recent years by Albion Rovers, who recognise him as one of the finest midfielders in the Metropolitan League.

WALLY KLAIN, 25, forward, product of the club's juniors, he represented Victoria as an under 14 and under 16 player and in 1970 he was in Rale Rasic's Victorian under 23 squad. Top scorer for Keilor City in 1969, he suffered a serious knee injury a few years ago, which kept him out of soccer for some time. A highly skilful player who will add greatly to Polonia's attack.

STAN KLAIN, 24, brother of Wally and Kaz Klain who plays for Sunshine City. Stan is a robust striker — the type Polonia has been lacking for so long. He had a stint with Polonia Adelaide in the SA First Division and has been a regular goalscorer with Keilor.

LENNY VAN LEEUWEN, 21, midfielder, product of Keilor City's juniors, who has developed into an exceptional attacking midfielder. Has a nose for goal and will add punch to the Polnia line-up.

Earlier, Polonia had bought Keilor midfielder **George Nierobicz** who played for the club on loan two years ago.

Nierobicz, a moody player, played for Polonia against Makedonia two weeks ago but will take time to settle in.

A very skilful player, he is sure to do better when he links up again with his former Keilor team mates.

**All five players cost Polonia only about $3000 — an incredible bargain.**

Whereas Polonia has been strengthened, Keilor City is now in serious trouble.

In addition to the Klain brothers, Nierobicz, Kupicz and van Leeuwen, Keilor has also lost goalkeeper **Cyril Sierakowski** who has gone to Albion Rovers.

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Polonia's past stars: Vic Janczyk . . .

Kaz Kowalec . . .

Eddy Jankowski.

**It's the start of a new era in the soccer life of these three young Scottish professionals — Billy Mills, (middle), Les Thompson (Left) and Ian Millar who have arrived in Melbourne to play with Fitzroy Alexander.**

# Scots arrive to join Alexander

*By PETER SWEENEY*

**Three young Scottish professionals arrived in Australia last Thursday aiming to prove themselves as world class performers.**

**Billy Mills** 23, **Les Thompson** 20, and **Ian Millar** 19, will play with Melbourne State League club Fitzroy Alexander this year.

Billy, Ian, their wives Jillian and Florence, and bachelor Les plan to stay in Melbourne two years.

The three were recruited by brilliant forward **George Gillan** who was holidaying in Scotland late last year.

Ian Millar said: "We didn't take long to think about it. We just decided to come and see what it was like.

"We went to see the ground facilities at Fitzroy the afternoon we arrived here and we were extremely pleased.

Australian soccer fans will probably see the three Scots in action for the first time on Saturday.

**Fitzroy Alexander club president Jim Mangopoulos said: "Ian, Billy and Les will most likely make their debut in Adelaide during our match with Hellas.**

"But we will wait and see how they settle in before deciding to play them or not."

Les Thompson has played with only one club, Hibernian, during his professional career which has spanned nearly four years.

Ian Millar and Billy Mills came to Australia from Sauchie.

**Millar also played with Hibernian, Dundee, and Raith Rovers.**

Mills spent a year with English club Barrow and played with Stirling Albion before crossing to Sauchie.

Thompson plays midfield, Mills is a midfielder or forward and Millar a full back.

Mrs Jillian Mills

Mrs Florence Millar

## OUR SAY

# State men should get higher wages

**It's time State federations considered paying representative players higher wages.**

**The States, particularly Victoria, are earning big money from games against touring teams. The recent visit by Velez Mostar resulted in a profit to Victoria of about $17,000.**

**The match against Santos in 1973 yielded a profit of about $30,000.**

**Yet Victorian State players are playing for about $100 a win, $60 a draw and $40 a loss. Because they usually lose, they get only the $40, minus tax of 35 per cent, leaving $26 for a game that demands a lot from them.**

**State coach Tony Boggi has complained with justification that Victorian players do not show the necessary dedication to representative soccer.**

**If they were paid more they would, we are sure, respond accordingly.**

**If it weren't for the players who comprise the State team, we would have no-one to play against touring sides, and of course, the federation would lose all that lovely cash.**

**We suggest the following:**

**Leave the wages as they are, but add to them a percentage of gate takings in the event of a game making a profit over a certain amount, to be fixed by the federation.**

**Let's say that a reasonable profit for the federation is $10,000.**

**Anything over that amount could be split 50-50 with the players.**

**On that basis, the Santos game would have given each of the 16 State players an income of the usual $40 plus a percentage payment of $625 each, minus tax.**

**Their income from the game would have been about $430 clear.**

**With the prospect of earning that kind of money, players would do their damndest to get into the State team. They would produce better performances for their clubs, to impress the State coach.**

**The State team itself would gain tremendously in prestige and most important, the players would finally be getting a fair share of the money they generate.**


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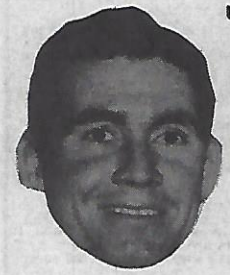
Todd Clarke (second from right) lines up with fellow Socceroos before Australia's recent match against the USSR. Other players, from left, are: Gary Byrne, Doug Utjesenovic, Colin Bennett and Peter Wilson.



Ron Lord.

# Clarke may be better than Lord, says Green

**Todd Clarke is shaping up as the finest goalkeeper Australia has produced, according to national coach Brian Green.**

FLASHBACK: Ron Lord punches the ball away from Victoria's Eddy Jankowski while NSW full back Peter Banincevic looks on during a Victoria v NSW game.

Green said Clarke will be better than the great **Ron Lord** if he maintains the form he showed in the series against the USSR.

Lord, a former national team goalkeeper, had a long and distinguished career with Drummoyne, Auburn and Prague in Sydney.

**When he retired in 1966 he had played 399 games.**

Lord was in the Australian team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956 and was also capped against South Africa (1955), England (1951), Austria Rapid (1955) and South China (1955).

Todd Clarke, who switched recently from Adelaide club Beograd to Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, has succeeded Victorian **Jack Reilly** as national team goalkeeper.

**He played brilliantly against the USSR yet had to forfeit his job in the process, as his employers refused to grant him time off for the series.**

The other big discovery of the USSR series was **Jim Tansey** of Victorian club Slavia.

Tansey replaced injured **Harry Williams** at left back and played with distinction.

Green and colleague **Eric Worthington** say they found five potential internationals during the USSR series.

They are West Australians **Steve Skeats** (midfield), and **Tony Witschge** (goalkeeper); Victorian **Jim Kondarios** (defence) and South Australians **Henry Kolecki** (midfield) and **John Kosmina** (forward).

Worthington rates Kosmina as the best of the five.

He says West Australian defenders **Savro Iozelli** and **David Jones** who were both in the Australian under 23 squad that played in Indonesia, and former international full back **Bugsy Nyskohus,** also proved themselves.

All are in the running for the national squad that will tour either Asia or South America at the end of the year.

Todd Clarke in action.

# NEW TAX SYSTEM A BLOW

**The new taxation system has hit soccer players hard.**

Under the new system, a wage earner pays tax of 35 cents in the dollar on a second job.

As we have no fully professional players, they are all paying that rate.

This means a player receiving $40 for a win would clear only $26.

A player on $100 a week (if there are any) would collect only $65 after tax.

**What's the bet that players will be pushing for higher wages?**

# Bedford coaches Moreland

**Moreland will be coached by former star South Melbourne Hellas midfielder John Bedford this year.**

Bedford (pictured) crosses to the club from Croydon City, the team he was captain-coach of last season.

Moreland has a new-look this year.

It has a change of uniform, 'same as the English national team used in the World Cup.

The club's new design will cost about $500 and it involves jumpers, shorts and socks.

The club hopes to be granted a $12,000 loan from the ANZ bank to re-roof its clubrooms and add a brick veneer wing. If granted, the loan work will start midway during the

# THREAT BY JUNIORS, THEN BIG TRANSFER

**A threat that Melbourne's junior section would break away from the club and change its name, was made just before Duncan Cummings was transferred to Hellas last week.**

Mr Lief Jensen, one of the leading officials in the junior committee, rang the club president, Mr Joe Tolnai with the threat.

Mr Tolnai assured Mr Jensen that the Cummings transfer deal would be finalised that day — Friday.

By 11 a.m. Duncan Cummings had become the most expensive player in Victorian soccer history.

Duncan Cummings.

He was transferred by Melbourne to Hellas for $10,000.

Previously, Cummings had said he would join Australian Rules club Richmond if his transfer was not finalised.

This prompted Mr Jensen to action.

He was furious. "Just at a time when soccer is starting to become popular with the kids, Melbourne allows something like this to happen.

**"What kid would want to play soccer when he knows that a club can make it so hard for him to improve himself?**

"And why should we be giving Australian Rules all this publicity?"

**Hellas sold utility player Jim Pirzas to Preston Makedonia for $1500, added that to the $8500 it had offered previously and handed Melbourne a cheque for $10,000.**

# Greek team coming?

**A Greek First Division team may visit Australia about May.**

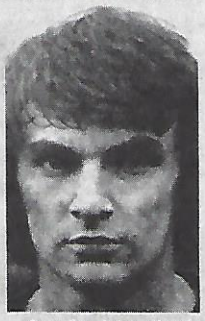
**The team is PAS Yannina which is currently fourth on the table.**

**Based in Ioannina, the team recently beat Olympiakos 3-0.**

**It features top players Alvarez, the Argentinian striker; goalkeeper Lisa and forward Kondogeorgakis.**

**Contact with Yannina is being made by Chris Palatsides of the "Athletic Echo" newspaper.**

**If Yannina does not come to Australia, it will visit China instead.**



Canadian international goalkeeper Jack Brand who plays for Toronto Metros Croatia.

# Petition over Croats' ban

**Representatives of the Croatian community are preparing a petition to the Victorian Soccer Federation asking it to reconsider its decision to ban Canadian team Toronto Metros Croatia.**

Toronto was due to play against Essendon Lions in Melbourne next month.

At first, the VSF board of management agreed to Lions' request for the game.

**Then came the disastrous match between Victoria and visiting Yugoslav team Velez Mostar, which was abandoned due to rioting.**

The State League recommended to the board of management that steps be taken to avoid a recurrence of crowd violence.

The Board then barred Toronto from playing in Melbourne.

Former Lions president **Mr Tony Vrzina**, one of the organisers of Toronto's tour, said: "We certainly abhor the actions of the fanatics who went onto the field at Olympic Park and disrupted the game against Velez Mostar.

"However, we feel the real blame should be put on the people who tried to pull down the Croatian flags displayed at the game.

"The Croatian community is therefore organising a petition to the VSF, urging it to change its decision.

"The VSF should take into consideration that Toronto is one of North America's leading clubs. Its players are worth more than half a million dollars.

**"Torontos reached the North American semi-finals by knocking out New York Cosmos, Pele's team.**

"If Toronto were to play in Melbourne, I am sure there would be no trouble whatsoever.."

Although Toronto will not play in Melbourne, it still has games scheduled for Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

The team will be in Australia from March 17 to April 7.

# Miss Soccer a winner in quest

Victoria's Miss Junior Soccer, Sue Barrett, was one of the big winners in the recent judging of the GTV9-Yooralla Sports Girl quest.

Sue (pictured) collected $4,627.25 for Yooralla, and this won her third prize in the Princess of Sport section of the quest.

Sue received $500 in floor coverings, $250 in electrical goods and a $150 Omega watch.

The floor coversings were donated by Victoria Carpets, of which **"Sunday Press"** and **"Sun"** soccer writer **Jim Barker**, is a director.

Sue, 19, is the daughter of **Ernie Barrett**, a leading official in Victorian junior soccer.

She works as a sales clerk for EMI Records.

The presentation dinner was held recently at Chaucer's of Canterbury and it will be shown on television on Saturday, February 21 at about 11 a.m.

**The GTV9 Telethon for Yooralla will be held on the same day and any soccer enthusiasts will have their donations acknowledged from 9 a.m. to noon.**

# $528,000 ALL GONE

**LONDON, — A housewife who won 330,000 pounds sterling (about $528,000) on the Soccer Pools less than five years ago, is now broke.**

Mrs Joan Wilkes and her husband Don had to put their 100,000 pounds sterling ($160,000) country house on sale to get them out of financial difficulties.

Mrs Wilkes, 48, had her massive win in late 1971. It was the second biggest Pools prize ever.

The Wilkes' fortune dwindled away on a failed demolition business, an indoor swimming pool, the farm house, horses, cattle, jewellery, parties, holidays and "loans" to friends.

Mrs Wilkes said she wished she could "turn the clock back" to the days when they lived in a rented council house at Leamington Spa in the English Midlands.

When she won her fortune on a 22.5 pence (about 36 cents) Littlewoods perm, she said: "It's marvellous to be able to look at something and not worry about the price.

"I think having all this money is going to take quite a bit of getting used to." — AAP

# Polonia glory bid

From page 3.

**Keilor's only hope is that it will attract a lot of Central Altona players who may follow Keilor's new coach, Joe Marth, who came from Centrals.**

Polonia vice-president **George Kerry** defended his raid on Keilor City by saying that Keilor started as a junior nursery for Polonia.

He said the club hoped to import former Gornik star **Rainer Kuchta** to replace present player-coach **Eddy Lerch** whose contract expires at the end of the year.

With all those new players in the club, Polonia's strongest line-up appears to be:

**Szalinski; Czapnik, Jaworski, Marmur, Klimecki; Lerch, Kupicz, van Leeuwen, Niesobisz; S. Klain, W. Klain. Next in line would be Ron Horfiniak and Joe Herman.**

It's still a far cry from the teams of Vic Janczyk, **Eddy Jankowski, Eddy Zientara, Mike Jurecki, Kaz Kowalec** and company, but it's a step back onto the right road.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# JANKOVIC, ABONYI IN SQUAD

**SYDNEY — Sydney winger Mark Jankovic, 19, was a welcome addition to the Australian squad announced in Sydney for two international matches against New Zealand.**

Jankovic recently returned from two months' training with German First Division clubs Werden Bremen and Hamburg and English First Division club Manchester United.

Jankovic possesses amazing powers of acceleration and can fill either the right or left wing roles.

He replaces West Australian Ray Ilott who has apparently failed in his bid to win a regular national team place.

Also joining the team is Jankovic's vastly experienced team mate Atti Abonyi.

Abonyi, however, will not be available for the International in Auckland on Sunday, February 29, but will come in for the return game in Melbourne on March 2.

Pan-Hellenic centre-back Richard Bell is the other addition. He fills the place occupied during the recent Velez Mostar tour by forward Ernie Campbell and gives back-up to Peter Wilson and Col Bennett.

Abonyi's return will be widely acclaimed in spite of his non-availability for the Auckland game.

His tally of 42 full internationals for Australia has been topped only by Ray Baartz, John Warren and Manfred Schaefer.

The team will again have the steady Victorian Jim Tansey at left back, but he lacks the drive of Col Curran or Harry Williams, who has started training after an operation to remove two cartilages and correct knee ligaments.

Although not showing the class of Jim Rooney and Agenor Muniz, Dave Harding has retained his midfield spot with Gary Byrne as the logical reserve.

APIA's Col Bennett, despite some deserved criticism for over-committing himself in the 2-2 draw with Velez last Sunday week, has retained his position.

Australia was extended to draw 1-1 and 3-3 with the Kiwis in their two 1973 meetings in World Cup preliminaries.

And in early 1974 the Australians were able only to draw nil-all with the Auckland team in Sydney.

The selected team is: goalkeepers, Tod Clarke (Hakoah), Allan Maher (Marconi); Fullbacks, Doug Utjesenovic (St George), George Harris (St George), Jim Tansey (Slavia); centre backs, Peter Wilson (Western Suburbs), Col Bennett (APIA), Richard Bell (Pan Hellenic),; Midfield, Agenor Muniz (Hakoah), Dave Harding (Western Suburbs), Jim Rooney (APIA), Gary Byrne (Marconi); Forwards, Peter Ollerton (Hellas), Murray Barnes (Hakoah), John Nyskohus (South Australia), Mark Jankovic (St George), Atti Abonyi (St George, Melbourne game only).

# SYDNEY AMPOL CUP

with TOM ANDERSON

# HAKOAH SET TO TAKE CUP

**Four first-half goals secured an easy 6-1 win for Hakoah over Pan Hellenic in their Ampol Cup game at Wentworth Park.**

**Kevin Mullen, Murray Barnes, Hilton Silva** and **Joe Watson** tore Pan Hellenic's slow defence apart, to establish a 4-0 lead at half time.

In the second half Hakoah seemed content to coast to victory.

At 4-0 Pan Hellenic pulled one back when a brilliant individual effort by **Rudolfo Gnavi** was finished off by a goalmouth header from **Gary Manuel.**

Hakoah then killed off any Hellenic hopes of a revival when, in the 72nd minute, **Graham Honeyman** scored Hakoah's fifth with a shot from close range.

Two minutes from full time Barnes scored his second goal to wrap up the match 6-1.

**On today's form, Hakoah must be clear favorite to win the Ampol Cup.**

Pan Hellenic, however, gave a lethargic display, conceding its heaviest defeat since losing to St George in a similar game last year.

Its defence was in a total mess and with more accurate shooting and concentration, Hakoah could have reached double figures.

This result almost certainly puts Hakoah through to the semis, while the loss has placed Pan Hellenic in a desperate position.

## Abonyi the key man

**Striker Atti Abonyi spearheaded St George to a 4-0 Ampol Cup win over Granville at Garside Park.**

Abonyi quickly found openings to snap up goals in the 50th and 77th minutes to put his side firmly on the road to victory.

**John O'Shea** opened Saints' account six minutes before half time following a looping free kick from **Willie Hamilton** near the left touchline.

**Neville Morgan** rose above a tight bunch of players at the far post and his header across the goal found **O'Shea** completely free to lob the ball home.

Granville, further reinforced by former Wests striker **Ian Bendall,** put on a plucky display.

**Tim O'Maye** backed up **Alec Gray** well in defence.

He outjumped even tall St George striker **Neville Morgan** to clear well with his head, although his distribution was not of the same high class.

Granville kept up the battle as long as its improved forward **Don Allan** was able to keep the ball on the move, but the last 20 minutes saw Saints firmly on top.

## Wests still in it

**Western Suburbs kept their semi-final hopes alive with a convincing 3-0 win over Wollongong City at Woonona.**

**Peter Stone,** West's outstanding midfield prospect, had a hand in all three goals. Stone headed his side into the lead in the 21st minute and five minutes later he was unmarked to head his second goal.

**Larry Gassny** and **Phil O'Connor** both battled hard on the wings without support. Twelve minutes into the second half **Tom Morrow** scored Wests' third goal after Stone had done the lead-up work on the right.

Australian skipper **Peter Wilson** had an easy afternoon at the back and the closest Wollongong came to scoring was when **O'Connor** hit the post in the 62nd minute.

## Millen's winner

**Marconi Fairfield scraped to win 1-0 against South Sydney Croatia in a slow Ampol Cup game at Wentworth Park.**

The match never really came to life, mainly due to the tiring heat.

The first half was even, with both sides testing each other and Marconi creating the occasional promising chances.

The only goal came in the 56th minute when Marconi's ace striker **Ernie Campbell** slipped the ball past a line of static Croatia defenders to **Billy Millen,** who crashed a low hard shot under goalie **Don Smith.**

This loss seriously affects Croatia's chances of qualifying for the semi-finals.

## Sutherland in draw

**Auburn fought back to snatch a 1-1 draw against Sutherland in a third-round Ampol Cup clash at Woonona.**

After a scoreless first half, the Sutherland attack came to life and **Dick Hammer** put them ahead in the 60th minute with a 12-metre drive.

Hammer gave Auburn's defence a torrid afternoon with his strong running.

Auburn replied by hitting the Sutherland post minutes later but it took until the 80th minute to equalise from the penalty spot.

**Mal Haynes,** the Sutherland goalkeeper, lost the ball and after a succession of miskicks, **Jim Miller** handled on the line.

The result was a penalty.

## This week

*This week's Sydney Ampol Cup matches, with likely winners in capitals:*

*FRIDAY: Garside Park: 7.30 p.m.: Manly v WOLLONGONG; 9.15 p.m.: Granville v SUTHERLAND.*

*SUNDAY: Wentworth Park, 2.30 pm: Western Suburbs v HAKOAH; 4.15 p.m.: APIA-LEICHHARDT v Pan Hellenic.*

*Marconi Oval, 2.30 p.m.: ST. GEORGE v Croatia; 4.15 p.m.: Auburn v MARCONI.*

# SORRY ABOUT THAT, APIA

**A report in last week's issue of "Soccer Action" that Celtic Glasgow striker Paul Wilson would play for APIA — Leichhardt, was incorrect.**

APIA secretary Frank Sbisa strongly denied this week that the club had had any contact with Wilson.

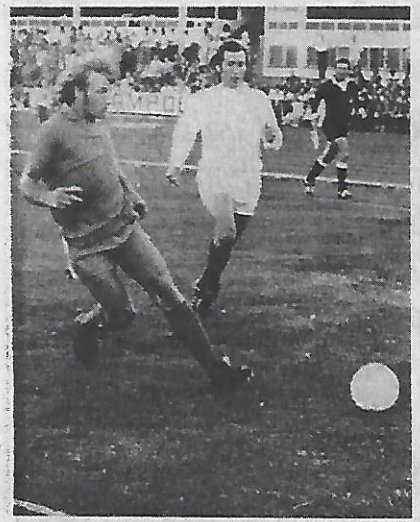
We apologise for any embarrassment caused to the club by this story and by the fact that we mistakenly referred to Willie Wallace as coach. The APIA coach is Fil Bottalico.

# MELBOURNE AMPOL CUP

with LAURIE SCHWAB and PETER SWEENEY

# MAKEDONIA HAS A LONG WAY TO GO

**Preston-Makedonia must improve if it is to realise its crowd-drawing potential in State League.**



Dick Ward of Wilhelmina gets to the ball before Jimmy Smart (right) of George

The team was downright sloppy against Slavia on Saturday night.

The defence, with the exception of **Frank Campbell,** who played well, was, to put it kindly, lifeless.

Instead of generating attacks with aggressive lunges, it simply stood in the way.

The attack was completely ineffective and the midfield not much better. Only **Tommy Fox** generated any sort of drive and even **Bill McIntyre** was disappointing.

Slavia also had many weaknesses but at least its goals came when they had to.

Two of Slavia's new players — **John Patten** and **Les Owens** — made their debut for Slavia but both will need time to settle in.

Patten must have been given confidence by the goal he scored after **Bill Pinakos** had won the ball in the second half.

**Pinakos scored the second himself, two minutes later, capping a creditable performance by this young player who was a reserve last year.**

Makedonia's best scoring chance came when **Geoff Grannon** broke through into a scoring position, only to be brought down on the edge of the penalty area.

Makedonia was willing to spend $10,000 to buy **Duncan Cummings.**

With that sort of money, it has more than enough to snare the players it needs.

• Tommy Fox of Makedonia weaves his way through the Slavia defence.

# Kire broke drought

**George Cross scored two goals during extra time to down Ringwood Wilhelmina in a match marred by poor shooting at Olympic Park last Friday night.**

George Cross played better after players were given a tongue lashing by club supporters for their woeful performance.

Ringwood Wilhelmina's performance was a big improvement on its deplorable exhibition against Sunshine a week earlier.

Forward **Phil Williamson** was once again the side's best player but he didn't receive the support he needed to capitalise and many chances went begging.

Ringwood's goal scoring ability was weakened by the presence of George Cross goalkeeper **Lou Kastner.**

**Kastner, one of the most hardened players in the State League, showed there's still tons of top class soccer left in him by making**

sound for most of the match and gave little away.

In attack, **Jim Smart** did many constructive things.

On the other side, Wilhelmina goalkeeper **Nick van Egmond** was well supported by **Dick Ward** who was back for his first game.

George Cross found it hard to pass an unusually tight Wilhelmina defence in which **Keith Adams** was prominent.

It was a restless audience by the time the fireworks started.

**Kire Veljanovski** blasted the net with a well-timed 60 metre shot which had the defence scurrying for cover.

**That was at the 85th minute . . . and at the 89th minute Franiis Mif-**

# MELBOURNE AMPOL CUP

with LAURIE SCHWAB and PETER SWEENEY

# Victoria tops for talent

**Victoria must now have the biggest collection of star forwards in the country.**

Sydney is left way behind in the strikers' stakes when its forwards are compared with this lot:

**Peter Ollerton, Duncan Cummings, Jim Armstrong** and **Ulysses Kokkinos** of Hellas; **Gary Cole, George Gillan** and **John Nicolaides** of Alexander; **Branko Buljevic** and **Mendo Ristovski** of J.U.S.T.; **Billy Vojtek** of Juventus and **Ray Pocock** of Sunshine City.

Of these, **Peter Ollerton** and **Gary Cole** were the stars in the third round of the Ampol Cup.

Ollerton, probably the most effective goalscorer in Australia, demoralised the Polonia defence and scored two fine goals.

Cole's effort was the best we've seen by him. More about that in the Alexander v. Sunshine match report.

Ollerton, top scorer in the NSW First Division for two years and regular striker with the national team, had talented henchmen in **Duncan Cummings** and **Jim Armstrong.**

Cummings, playing his first match for Hellas since being bought for $10,000 from Melbourne, was given lots of room so he promptly set up a goal for Armstrong and scored one himself.

Hellas played without **Jimmy Mackay** whose future remains a mystery. There is still talk that he will move to Essendon Lions, perhaps as player-coach.

Also absent was Steve Walker, suspended over a clash with **Alan Parrott** in the Hellas v. J.U.S.T. match.

**John Daperis** was in for his first Ampol Cup match and he played well.

**If Hellas is to prove superior to all other State League Clubs this year, it will be as much due to its midfield as its brilliant attack.**

**Daperis, Howard Andrews** and **Peter Bourne** have more mobility and talent than most other midfield partnerships.

With Steve Walker out, **Chris Kalafatides,** the best young player not getting a game, was brought in at centre back, and he performed creditably.

Polonia was simply outclassed, although it did have more of the game than had been expected — especially in the second half.

The team featured four of the five players it had bought from Keilor City (see page three) — **Eddy Kupicz, Wally Klain, George Nierobicz** and **Lenny van Leeuwen.**

**However, only one player in the team really fired — Eddy Lerch, the player-coach, who was in a class of his own.**

But make no mistake. Polonia will get better from week to week from now on.

**Stan Klain** is yet to be fitted into the team. His bulk and aggression will be extremely valuable up front and his understanding with his brother Wally and Nierobicz should finally put Polonia among the goals.

**Hellas opened the scoring as early as the second minute. Ollerton stormed down the left, beat Peter Gray and smashed the ball off Szalinski, onto the crossbar. The ball bounced down, over the line, and out again but it was a goal.**

In the 10th minute, Cummings managed a flick to the middle despite pressure by **Andy Czapnik** at the right side of the penalty area. Cummings' short ball went to Armstrong who crashed it home.

Cummings struck again in the 25th minute. A tackle in the middle of the penalty area sent the ball to Cummings on the right and he let go first-time, sending the ball just inside the post to make it 3-0.

**Joe Herman** replaced **Lenny van Leeuwen** a minute later and just after half time **Gary Groenwald** came on for **Howard Andrews.**

The absence of Andrews in midfield gave Polonia a bigger share of the ball. Lerch got busier and his team attacked a lot more.

Then Kokkinos came on for Armstrong and the Greek idol should have scored with his flying header at Cummings' cross in the 65ht minute.

But Ollerton made amends for the miss.

**Peter Bourne switched the ball crossfield, Mike Pye crossed it back into the middle and Ollerton flew high to head home.**

Jim Armstrong of Hellas fires a shot at Polonia goalkeeper Ziggie Szalinski.

# Cole stars against depleted 'Shine

**Gary Cole's dazzling form and his never-say-die attitude gave Fitzroy Alexander a 2-1 victory over Sunshine City in their Ampol Cup clash at Olympic Park on Friday night.**

Tom Cumming, arrived from Scotland and played for Sunshine nine hours later.

The big blond forward turned in his best game yet to be a key figure in his side's win.

Sunshine City's performance was a good one — despite defeat.

The brilliant team of **Ray Pocock** and **Wilf Laing** was sidelined because of injuries to both players.

Sunshine City was so badly hit by injuries that it had to play **Tommy Cumming** who landed in Australia at lunchtime on Friday.

**He had two hours sleep before making his debut and turning in an impressive performance.**

**Jim McRobert** was a good forward but the Fitzroy defenders tagged him closely to nullify promising attacks.

During much of the game Sunshine attacked as often as Fitzroy, but missed the class and prowess of Pocock to top off the good work.

**Cole always loomed as a danger to the Sunshine defence.**

He moved freely and appeared to be the player who would be the difference between winning and losing.

Cole made the Alexander supporters cheer when, in the 30th minute, he opened his side's scoring.

Twelve minutes later Sunshine struck back with a vengeance.

**Piotrowski** scored to give Sunshine hope after many fruitless attacks.

**For the next five minutes the defences of both sides were placed under buckling pressure with the game becoming extremely fast, furious and crowd pleasing.**

The match seemed to be heading into extra time until **George Gillan** sealed the game with a header after a good set-up by team mates.

**Sunshine's defence had been passed and beaten, but it was no fault of tireless defender Frank Mussel who played brilliantly.**

## FRANCIS LEE FOR SYDNEY

**Derby County star Francis Lee, who has played for England 25 times, will play several matches for Marconi-Fairfield this year.**

**Lee spoke to Marconi manager Rale Rasic this week and agreed on terms.**

**It is believed Lee will get about $1600 a game.**

**Rasic said: "I am thrilled to have signed such a great player as a Marconi guest.**

**"We wanted a top man from overseas. My first choice was Francis Lee. He is a tremendous player and, after starring in many TV matches, he is sure to attract big crowds."**

**Lee accepted the Marconi deal in preference to offers from South Africa, the U.S. and Sweden.**

## ROUND THREE DETAILS

**Slavia 2 (Patten 40th. min, Pinakos 42nd.) Makedonia 0.**

Player ratings, out of 10:

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 5; Trajkovski 5, McCracken 5, Campbell 7, Harrison 5; McIntyre 6, Fox 6, Presilski 4; Grannon 5, Gilmour 5, Blacker 4 (sub half time Peat 4).

SLAVIA: Whiteside 6; Liu 5, Tansey 7, O'Reilly 6, Owens 5; Murphy 5, J. Train 5, Moore 6; McElhinney 5, Patten 5, Pinakos 6.

**Hellas 4 (Ollerton 2nd and 69th., Armstrong 10th., Cummings 25th.) Polonia 0.**

HELLAS: Kennedy 6; Pye 7, Kalafatides 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Batticciotto 7; Daperis 7, Bourne 6, Andrews 7 (Groenwald 51st.); Cummings 7, Ollerton 8, Armstrong 6 (Kokkinos 54th.).

POLONIA: Szalinski 5; Gray 5, Marmur 5, Czapnik 5, Klimecki 5; van Leeuwen (replaced by Herman, 5, 26th. min); Lerch 7, Kupicz 5; W. Klain 5, Nierobicz 5, Humphreys 5.

**Alexander 2 (Cole 30th., Gillan 47th Sunshine 1 (Piotrowski 42nd).**

ALEXANDER: Reilly 6; V. Bannon 6, P. Bannon 7, Nelson 6, Stogiannou 6; Bozikas 5 (Rellis 52nd.), Gibson 6, Webster 6; Cole 8, Gillan 5, Nicolaides 5 (Karapatsos 43rd.).

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Lewis 6, Kokska 6, Mussel 7, Petrov 5; McCarthy 6, Howe 6, Smith 5; Cumming 6, Piotrowski 5, McRobert 6.

**George Cross 2 (Velganovski 85th., Mifsud 89th.) Wilhelmina 0.**

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6; McConville 6, J. Webb 6, Maitland 6, Jones 5; Deeming 5, Mifsud 5; Veljanovski 6, Kelly 4, Smart 6, Hill 4 (Lawler 68th.)

WILHELMINA: van Egmond 5; Adams 6, Garthwaite 6, Ward 5, Bray 6; O'Callaghan 5, Holding 5, Smith (injured, sub. Verniers 4, 20th.); Williamson 7, Brown 5, Lynn 4.

**SECTION A**

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexander | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| GC-Courage | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Sunshine | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Juventus | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Mooroolbark | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Ring-Wil | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

**SECTION B**

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Slavia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Hellas | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Hakoah | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| J.U.S.T. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Makedonia | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Polonia | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Top scorers: 2 goals: Pocock (Sunshine), Ollerton (Hellas).

**This week's games at Olympic Park, with likely winners in capitals:**

**Friday, 7.30 pm.: MOOROOLBARK v. George Cross; 9 p.m.: ALEXANDER v. Juventus.**

**Saturday, 7.30 p.m.: FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Slavia; HELLAS v Hakoah.**

# IT'S HELLAS V. HAKOAH

**South Melbourne Hellas has the chance to prove just how good it really is when it meets improving Hakoah at Olympic Park on Saturday.**

**Ollerton, Cummings** and the other forwards won't have it as easy as they did against Polonia, when they face talented Hakoah defenders **David Baker, Phil Hammond** and **Jean Durand.**

The Hakoah midfield is every bit as good as Hellas', so it should be an even tussle.

**Footscray J.U.S.T. must atone for its poor display against Hakoah when it meets tough Slavia in the earlier match on Saturday.**

Slavia is always difficult to toss, even more so now that it has been strengthened by **Les Owens, John Patten, Jim Symington** and **Bill Buchanan** from the U.K.

Mooroolbark looks much too strong for depleted George Cross on Friday night.

**George Cross called a supporters' meeting last week and asked for donations to bring up to eight players over from the U.K.**

They say a former Irish international could be among them.

In the later match on Friday, **Gary Cole** and **George Gillan** should boot Alexander to victory against a Juventus team which has been forced to include too many juniors.

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# SOCCER MAVERICKS

**LONDON British soccer authority Brian Glanville sees Billy Bremner's expulsion from the Scottish national team as symptomatic of a serious problem among soccer superstars.**

Glanville says in a recent edition of **"World Soccer"**: "To an extent, clubs clearly are to blame for the failings of such players . . . above all for the fact that, having acquired a player as a boy, they proceed to give him an education only in football.

**"Yet never has the social dislocation been so great for players who succeed, never have the pressures of society been so severe.**

"Managers must be more ready to call in outside, expert help, or there will be more, if less dazzlingly endowed George Bests."

Apart from Bremner and Best, Glanville names **Stan Bowles, Alan Hudson, Rodney Marsh, Charlie George** and **Martin Chivers** as stars who failed to handle the pressures of the big time.

Bremner has been clashing with authority since he started playing.

**With his reputation as a maverick, it came as not that much of a shock when he broke a 1 am curfew and together with team mates, ransacked the Scotland team's officials' room.**

However, Glanville suggests that Bremner's expulsion from the Scotland squad was too severe a penalty.

Glanville says: "In the 1974 World Cup he was not only one of the finest players in the tournament, but a superb and inspiring captain, winning the admiration of no less a figure than Pele.

"To go out with a whimper like this after his magnificent contribution to Scottish football in West Germany — and indeed, over the years — is wretched."

Whereas Bremner has an unrivalled propensity for getting into hot water, the greatest maverick of them all was **George Best,** says Glanville.

**Another is Stan Bowles, with his compulsion for gambling and girls; his constant quarrels with his clubs and his matrimonial difficulties.**

**Alan Hudson** is still in and out of controversy, publicly proclaiming his disdain for playing for England and then as publicly recanting.

**Rodney Marsh** hit the headlines when he showed his bottom to the crowd at Villa Park and **Charlie George,** a player of exceptional technique and vision, did not have the stability to hold a place in last season's dreary Arsenal side.

Referee Burtenshaw moves in fast to separate Billy Bremner (right) and fellow Scot, Dave MacKay of Spurs.

Billy Bremner expresses a forceful opinion to the referee.

## SCORE: 47-0

The final whistle blew and the teams headed for the dressing room. The scoreboard showed the outcome: 47 goals to nil.

A world record, surely.

The score was recorded in the Cameroun.

Racing Bafoussam beat Renaissance Bamendjou 47-0.

Racing had led 21-0 at half time.

The match was in the First Division championship!

By the way, as far as we know, Australia still holds the world record for the worst defeat in an international game.

We were beaten 17-0 by the England touring team in Sydney in 1951, before 14,146 people.

# Breitner tops list

**The West German Bundesliga has issued a list of the 10 most expensive German footballers.**

The prices are relatively low, and are in approximate conversions from German marks.

1. **Paul Breitner** (Bayern Munich to Real Madrid) $900,000.
2. **Guenter Netzer** (Moenchengladbach to Real Madrid) $400,000.
3. **Willy Reimann** (Hannover to Hamburg) $300,000.
4. **Jupp Kapellmann** (Cologne to Bayern Munich $290,000.
5. **Erwin Kostedde** (Standard Liege to Offenbach) $280,000 and Offenbach to Hertha $250,000.
6. **Uwe Kliemann** (Frankfurt to Hertha) $270,000.
7. **Klaus Wunder** (Duisburg to Bayern Munich) $270,000.
8. **Hans Walitza** (Bochum to Nuernberg) $260,000.
9. **Kudi Mueller** (Grasshoppers Zurich to Hertha) $230,000.
10. **Branko Oblak** (Hajduk Split to Schalke 04) $220,000.

Paul Breitner

# Marathon final in U.S.

**You've read about those bareknuckle fights of bygone days, when boxers thrashed each other into bloody pulp over 100 rounds or more.**

Those gruelling feats come to mind when we consider the 1975 final in the American Soccer League, the poor cousin of the glamorous North American Soccer League.

The game was contested by Boston Astros and New York Apollos. Actually, the match was a replay, for in the previous match, the teams had drawn 2-2.

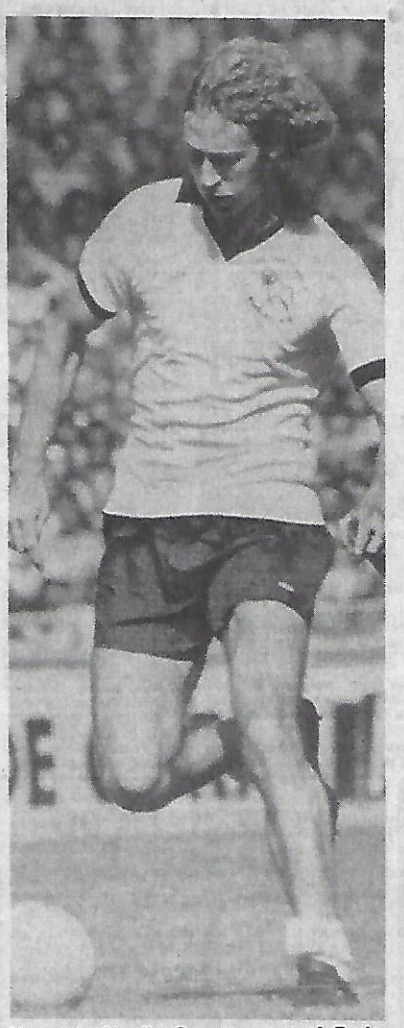
So, they shaped up again.

**After full time, the score was 1-1 and an incredible SEVEN overtime periods were played in an unsuccessful attempt to break the deadlock.**

Finally, the game was ended by a curfew and the feeling of referee Howard Krollfeifer, that the players were in no condition to continue playing.

With the contract of the New York players having ended, a third game could not be played to decide the league championship.

So, Commissioner **Bob Cousy** ruled that the Boston Astros and the New York Apollos were to be declared co-champions.



Maverick Charlie George, now of Derby County.

# Woman with a whistle

**LONDON — Jenny Bazeley thought "The players were a bit soft with me" when she became the first woman in Britain to referee an all-male soccer match.**

Mrs Bazeley 24, was in charge of a minor league match in South London between Croydon Old Boys and Saints Athletic.

She asserted her authority before the match when she warned the players: "Any bad language and you're off." She did not have to carry out her threat and said: "I enjoyed it very much."

Both captains complimented her on her performance, even **David Connell** of Croydon Old Boys whose team lost 2-1.

Finally, Mrs Bazeley stressed she is no ardent feminist." I don't burn my bra. I can't run without it."

## SUPERSTAR

**LIMA — Oleg Blokhin may have won the European Football of the Year award, but apparently his club, Dynamo Kiev, has a player who's even better.**

He is 23-year-old midfielder **Leonid Burjak,** the mainspring behind Kiev's attacks.

The tallest and the smallest players in the West German Bundesliga — Uwe Kliemann (Hertha Berlin) at 6ft 4½ins and Alan Simenson (Moenchengladbach) at 5ft 2ins. Kliemann is one of Germany's most expensive players.

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Opinions of our national coach, Brian Green

# COMPLACENCY MAY COST US PLACE IN WORLD CUP FINALS

ASIA / OCEANIA

| ASIA | | | | OCEANIA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Winners of Groups I to IV to be known by 31.3.77 | | | | Winner to be known by 31.7.77 |
| Group I | Group II | Group III | Group IV | |
| Hong Kong<br>Indonesia<br>Malaysia<br>Thailand<br>Singapore<br>Sri Lanka | Israel<br>Japan<br>DPR Korea<br>Rep. Korea | Iran<br>Iraq<br>Saudi Arabia<br>Syria | Bahrain<br>Kuwait<br>Un. Ar. Emirates<br>Qatar | Australia<br>New Zealand<br>Taiwan |
| 1 winner | 1 winner | 1 winner | 1 winner | Winner Oceania |

1.4 to 31.7.77

Winner ASIA

1.8 to 30.11.77

Qualified for Argentina

The World Cup draw for Asia-Oceania.

**The public's attitude about the ease of our World Cup draw, could well cost us a place in the World Cup finals.**

At first, people thought it was going to be extremely hard, for it appeared that we would have to play many qualifying matches in Asia after having qualified in Oceania against Taiwan and New Zealand.

The difficulty of that task provided the stimulus that a coach needs.

Then we found out that Australia would have to play against only one qualifier from Asia and suddenly, it became the easiest draw ever.

**That is the worst thing for a coach, and if that attitude filters through to the players, we could be facing a disaster.**

The public seems to have dispelled Taiwan altogether, yet those games — home and away — are just the type that could result in upsets. That's why we have the term "giant-killers".

Of course I'm grateful that our road has been made a little bit easier, but I'm worried about the change in public attitude.

Our attitude must be that it's going to be damned hard and that nothing less than 100 per cent effort will do.

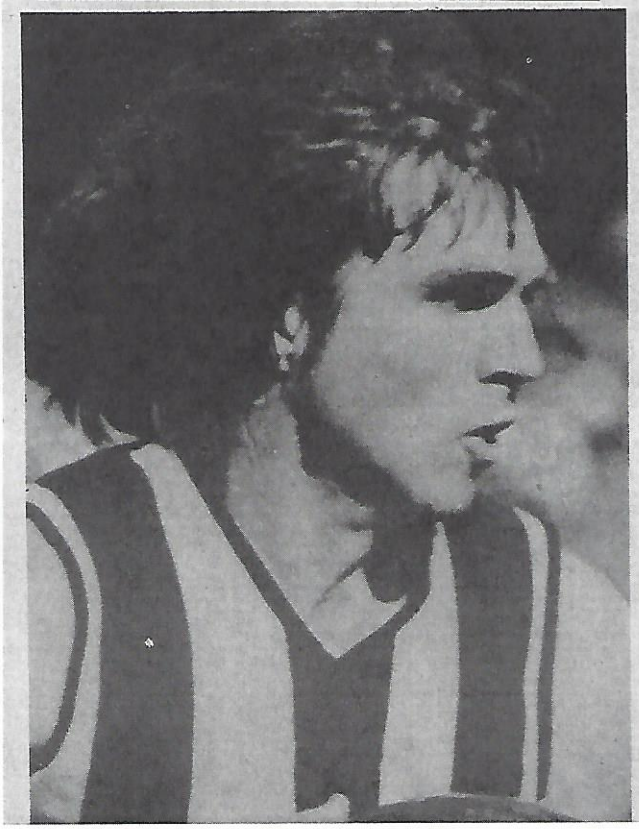
**I don't care which team qualifies from Asia — any team that qualifies will be hard to beat.**

But first, let's concern ourselves with Taiwan and New Zealand.

New Zealand is apparently a bogey team to Australia. There's a bit of needle there and that's good. Our first aim is to remove the New Zealand hoodoo.

# Injuries turning kids off 'Rules

By Australian Rules champion PETER McKENNA



**I don't believe the falling attendances at Australian Rules matches in Melbourne each Saturday are due to the boom in soccer.**

There are many outside interests working together and robbing the VFL of its big crowds.

Facilities at grounds in the VFL are inadequate and parents are becoming concerned at the number of serious injuries received in Australian Rules.

Soccer is a much cleaner game. To be hurt in soccer it must be an accident, but this is not necessarily the case with Australian Rules.

It is a "must" to wear a mouthguard for protection when playing Australian Rules.

As a schoolteacher, I talk to parents and discuss the differences between fotball and soccer.

A lot of the inner suburban State schools have a big percentage of migrant children.

This must be taken into account when studying the success of soccer.

Soccer is the game of these migrant people and they don't understand Rules, which is only semi-national whereas soccer is internationally known.

And I stress again that you are more likely to be injured playing Australian Rules, and therefore a lot of parents are encouraging their children to take up soccer.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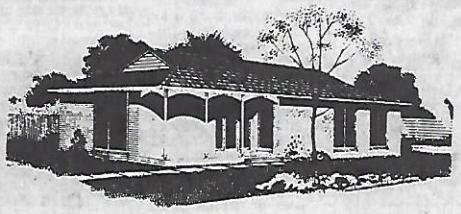

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## Shooting for goal

***When a player has a shooting opportunity he should decide very quickly whether to shoot or do otherwise. The longer a player delays his decision the more time he gives his opponents to prevent the shot from being taken.***

Once a player has decided to shoot he should place emphasis on accuracy before placing emphasis on power.

One technique which is used in shooting is the low drive, as shown in diagram one.

**The low drive:**

1. Contact with the ball is made with the in-step, the toes pointed downwards.

2. The knee of the kicking leg must be over the ball.

**Practice 1:** Each pair has a ball and they stand back to back. The attacker faces the goal, the defender faces the server.

The server throws the ball forwards for the attacker to shoot. The defender has to try to stop the shot from being taken. The service may be varied.

**Practice 2:** 2v2 to score as many goals as possible in two minutes.

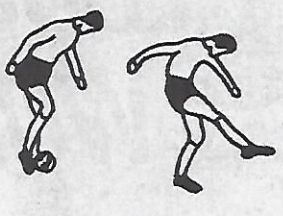
One of the goalkeepers serves the ball to his team and play continues.

Spare balls should be near both goals so that one may be fed in as soon as the ball goes out of play.

The playing area, size of goals and playing time may be reduced to suit the size of junior players. Emphasis should be placed on quick shooting.

More about shooting next week.

Diagram 1



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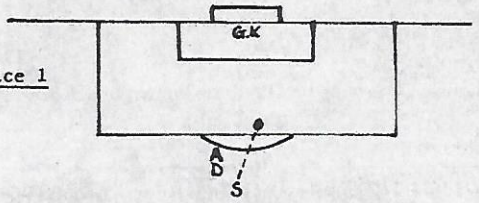


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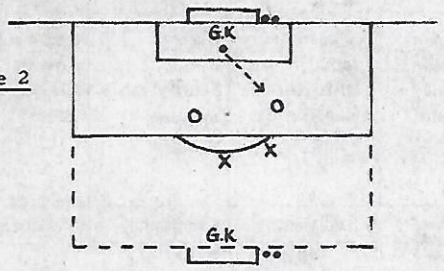


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## Startalk

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**This week's questions to Juventus coach David Gorrie come from Peter Browning of Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney.**

Young soccer fans from Melbourne and Sydney are invited to send questions to David Gorrie, Care of "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer St., Melbourne.

**Q: What is needed to become a top class soccer player?**

A: The basic requirement to become a good player in any sport is constant practice. This is the only way to reach the top in whatever sport you wish to play.

Constant practice at the skills of the game and a dedication to do well is what's needed to be successful.

During childhood years it's best to be practising the skills of soccer every spare minute you get . . . and I mean every spare minute.

It's best to train at lunchtime, after school and weekends and any free time you have.

**Q: Are there any well-known soccer players good at other sports?**

A: They don't really get the time for other sports.

Soccer takes up a lot of the year and this doesn't really allow players to participate in another game with equal success.

Still, I suppose there would be some players quite good at sports they play to relax.

**Q: Is soccer a violent sport, and would it be cleaner or dirtier than Australian Rules and Rugby League?**

A: If you associate violence with physical contact then soccer is cleaner than Australian Rules and Rugby League.

These sports are obviously more violent because they are physical games.

On the spectator side of things, soccer is just the same as any sport. There are rowdy types of supporters that follow any sport.

**Q: Which is the next touring side to come to Australia and when?**

A: New Zealand will play Australia at Melbourne's Olympic Park on Tuesday March 2.

This will be the second clash between the two teams in three days, as Australia plays the Kiwis in Auckland on Sunday, February 29.

English sides Tottenham Hotspur and Sunderland will tour Australia in May.

Sunderland will play Australia three times — in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide.

It will also play games in Darwin, Brisbane, Newcastle, Hobart and Perth.

Tottenham Hotspur will play Australia in Sydney on Sunday, May 16.

Its opening match of the two-week tour will be in Melbourne against Victoria on Sunday May 9.

## Benfica match highlight for Andy and 'Gully

**Ferntree Gully's promising under 10 side from last season. Standing: R. Appleton (coach), S. Dixon, A. Cook, E. Tucker, I. Parrett, D. Jeffries, T. Mandel and B. Christie (team manager). Kneeling: B. Pendleton, P. Christie, A. Appleton, M. Atkinson, P. Yahn and M. Anderson. M. Booth was absent.**

**The Ferntree Gully club is proud of its up and coming under 10 side.**

The boys made their debut as a side last year, with half the lads never having played soccer.

The team finished fifth in its competition.

The high point for the side came when it played Overport under 10s in the curtain-raiser to the Victoria v Benfica match.

Ferntree Gully won the game 2-0.

Star of the match, and for most of the season, was **Andrew Appleton.**

Andrew, who plays outside right, had the capacity Olympic Park crowd on its feet throughout the match.

He dribbled one goal from the centre and played a big hand in scoring the side's second.

Andrew lacks a lot in height but makes up with excess speed and skill. He came to Ferntree Gully from Bayswater at the start of the 1975 year.

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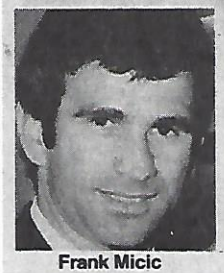
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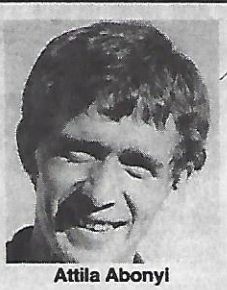
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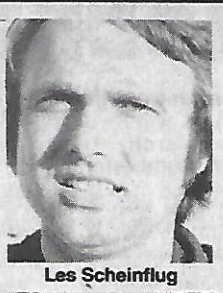
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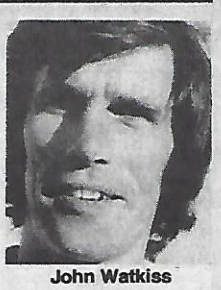
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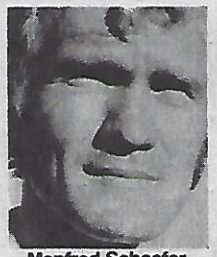
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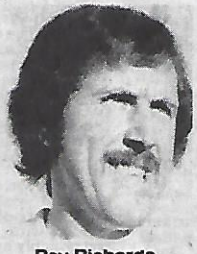
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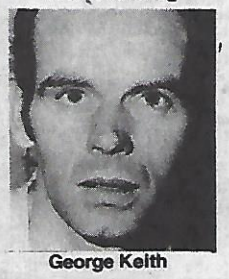
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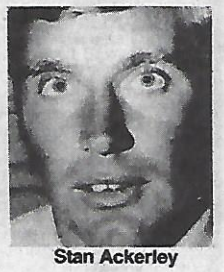

Stan Ackerley

The great Ron Corry

# FORMER HEROES GET COLD SHOULDER

**In Europe, players who have represented their country receive official invitations to international matches. They are wined and dined and at the game, they sit in comfort in the officials' section.**

Ray Baartz scores Australia's first goal against South Korea in their World Cup elimination match in Seoul in 1969. Australia won 2-1.

They are given the respect they deserve, respect they have earned by representing their country on the international sports arena.

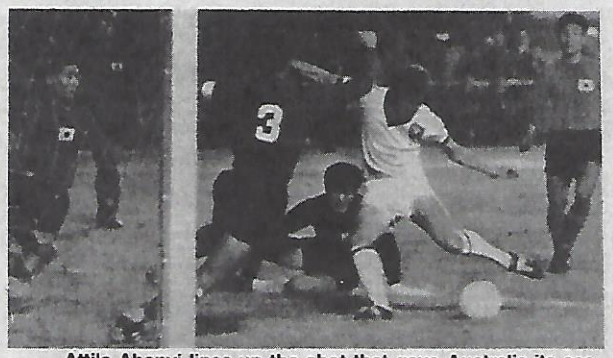
But it's a different story here in Australia.

**For all the recognition you get after you have retired from the national team, you may as well have been an orange boy.**

As far as the Australian and NSW Soccer Federations are concerned, Stan Ackerley, Ray Baartz, Johnny Warren, George Keith, John Watkiss, Les Scheinflug, Bill Vojtek, Jim Mackay, Ron Corry, Attila Abonyi, Jim Fraser, Ray Richards, Frank Micic, Dick van Alphen, Joe Marston, Manfred Schaefer, Archie Blue, Alan Marnoch and the rest are mere names.

We should all feel ashamed that Australian soccer, built up by these players who gave the sport prominence internationally, has failed to repay them for their contribution.

**They should be invited, together with their wives, to be guests of honor at all international matches Australia plays at home.**


Attila Abonyi lines up the shot that gave Australia its second goal against South Korea in 1969.

Dick van Alphen (front) in action

Yet this does not happen!

On the same subject, it's time someone asked:

When will the ASF carry out its decision of November 13, 1974, that all members of the Australian party receive gold medals for their services to this country?

A memento like that could not be replaced by any amount of money, if it is given at the right time . . . not three years after the event.

Why does Attila Abonyi go fishing rather than to the game when Australia plays at home?

**Abonyi is not too mean to buy a ticket, but he is certainly justified in believing that 42 international appearances for his country justify at least one official invitation.**

I applauded the Victorian Soccer Federation when it made J.U.S.T.'s former international Frank Micic a life member.

Similarly, John Boyle

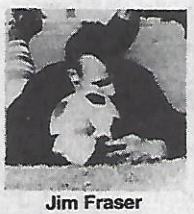
RALE RASIC

South Australian Soccer Federation.

The ASF or the NSW Federations have done nothing like this.

**Obscure minor officials sit in the guest areas during international matches, while former Socceroos stand in line for tickets, or, like Abonyi, go fishing.**

It's an indictment of soccer's administration in this country!


Jim Fraser

Archie Blue

Israeli goalkeeper Visoker makes a desperate save under pressure from Manfred Schaefer (centre) and Attila Abonyi in the World Cup elimination match in Tel Aviv in

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# CUMBERLAND CUP KICK-OFF

**Most clubs in the Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues will swing into action between March 1-6, when they play their Cumberland Cup ties.**

## The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

This Cup was instituted last year as a twilight competition for Metro League clubs to take advantage of daylight saving.

This year the format has been altered, with the Provisional League clubs being invited to take part.

There are still four geographic divisions, as there were last year, but to accommodate the large entry — 53 in all — this year's Cup will be a straight knock-out series in the first round.

Each area winner will receive a Cup and enter the semi-finals.

The final itself will be played on the Box Hill ground on April 4 and will be preceded by the match for third place between the losing semi-finalists.

In addition to the handsome Cumberland Cup itself, now held by Preston, the winner will receive $1,000, the runner-up $500 and the losing semi-finalist $250 each.

To ease any problems caused by unavailability of grounds, the VSF has decided to allow the first-round ties to be played on Wednesday evening or on any other night of that week, provided that both clubs agree and notify the VSF.

Picking the winner of the Cup at this stage would be a near impossible task, pre-season form being what it is, but going on past form I'll stick my neck out and predict that Green Gully, Altona, Croydon and Frankston City will be the semi-finalists.

As the competition progresses, I'll be reporting on the outstanding match in each round.

The draw is:

1st ROUND DRAW

NORTH SECTION

North Carlton v Hotham United.

Essendon City v Carlton

Moreland v Richmond

Green Gully v Essendon Lions

Prahran City v Fawkner

Uni. of Melbourne v Broadmeadows City

Byes: Princes Park, Port Melbourne

WEST SECTION

Ballarat v Corio

Newport v Werribee

Bell Park v Albion Rovers

Western Suburbs v Geelong

Hamlyn Rangers v Central Altona

St. Albans v Altona City

Byes: Keilor, Keilor City

EAST SECTION

Box Hill v Caulfield City

South Yarra v Doncaster Rovers

Melbourne v Springvale City

Byes: Ringwood United, Croydon, Nunawading City, Bayswater United, Waverley City.

SOUTH SECTION

Rosebud v Frankston Pines

Frankston City v Brighton

Monash Uni. v Moorabbin

Sandringham v Doveton

Morwell Falcons v South Dandenong

Mornington v Langwarrin

Clayton v Dandenong City

Chelsea v Yallourn

### Who kicked the goals?

Who was the top goal scorer in each division of the Metro League last Season?

Finding out shouldn't be so difficult should it?

It's the sort of statistic you would expect to find in the VSF year book.

But it won't be in this year's book, for the simple reason that the Metropolitan League itself doesn't know.

We tried last year to elicit the information by circularising the clubs, but believe it or not, only four clubs responded to the circular.

The pity of it is that it is quite possible that sponsorship could be found to put up a prize for each division's leading marksman, but until club secretaries co-operate, it is going to be impossible.

What I would like to see operating is a scheme where the home secretary makes himself responsible for notifying Soccer House of the names of the goal-scorers of both teams, or better still, the referees include the names in their match reports.

I'm prepared to bet that Bill McIntyre of Preston topped the first division with 19 goals, and possibly he was top scorer in the whole League, but how would you know?

### Ampol Gift fizzes out

The Ampol Gift, the quest to find Victoria's fastest soccer player, looks like fizzing out before it gets off the starting block.

Final date for entries, last Friday, came and went with but a handful of entries.

No doubt clubs will bleat that they didn't know anything about it.

Apparently their secretaries, committees and players don't receive mail from Soccer House and don't read the newspapers.

Still, after last season's experience over the goal-scorers, I suppose this is not too surprising.

### First round Cup draw

The following clubs have been drawn to play in the 1st preliminary round of the Dockerty Cup on Saturday February 28, kick-off is at 2.45 pm.

KODAK UNITED v GEELONG, DANDENONG CITY v BROADMEADOWS CITY, PARK RANGERS v ROYAL PARK, MORWELL RANGERS v FRANKSTON PINES, EAST BRUNSWICK v MORWELL FALCONS, CLAYTON v BELL PARK, HAMLYN RANGERS v HEIDELBERG, CHELSEA v LANGWARRIN, WAVERLEY CITY v MOE UNITED, PRAHRAN CITY v NORTH CARLTON

The following clubs have been drawn to play in the 2nd preliminary round on Saturday, March 6. K.O. at 2.45 pm.

ESSENDON CITY v KENSINGTON UNITED, DOVETON v CARTRO, FERNTREE GULLY v RMIT, KODAK or GEELONG v MORWELL RANGERS or FRANKSTON PINES, CORIO v V.R.I., PARK RANGERS or ROYAL PARK v PEGASUS (ISL), SANDRINGHAM CITY v MONASH UNIVERSITY, CROYDON CITY v HAWTHORN, RINGWOOD UNITED v ERICCSON, MORELAND v FORD FALCONS, ST ALBANS v HAMLYN RANGERS or HEIDELBERG, BOSCH v SOUTH DANDENONG, NORTH SPRINGVALE v WAVERLEY CITY or MOE UNITED, PUBLIC WORKS v PRINCES PARK, NEWPORT v ALBION ROVERS, MELTON v CHELSEA or LANGWARRIN, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE v ESSENDON LIONS, DONCASTER ROVERS v WERRIBEE, MONBULK v MORNINGTON, McCOLL v CLAYTON or BELL PARK, CARLTON v BAYSWATER UNITED, SOUTH YARRA v SPRINGVALE CITY, COBURG v YALLOURN, CROXTON v KEILOR, MOORABBIN CITY v KARINGAL UNITED, EAST BRUNSWICK or MORWELL FALCONS v SUNBURY UNITED, RICHMOND v PORT MELBOURNE, BOX HILL v FRANKSTON CITY, DANDENONG CITY or BROADMEADOWS CITY v NUNAWADING CITY, MORWELL FORTUNA v FAWKNER, CARNEGIE v THOMASTOWN, PRAHRAN CITY or NORTH CARLTON v CADBURY

# MALAYSIA SET TO REACH MONTREAL

**JAKARTA, — Malaysia swamped Papua New Guinea 10-1 and Singapore held Indonesia to a goalless draw in the first round of the Asian group two pre-Olympics soccer tournament the winner of which will go to the finals in Montreal.**

Malaysia, rated second favourite after North Korea by the Indonesian press, was kept out for 30 minutes by the inexperienced Papua New Guineans, but after that the Malaysians took control.

Five of Malaysia's goals came from striker Isa Baktar, while two more were scored by Moktar Johari and one was a penalty.

The newly independent Papua New Guineans had their consolation goal from a penalty just before halftime. — AAP

# Manchester chases League, Cup wins

**LONDON, — Manchester United's hopes of achieving the English League and Football Association Cup double, which it narrowly missed in 1957, rose sharply when its 2-1 fifth round win at Leicester was followed by its being drawn at home against Wolves in the quarter finals on March 6.**

League champion Derby was drawn at home for the fourth successive round, this time against the winner of the replay between Newcastle and Bolton Wanderers.

Crystal Palace, after wins at Leeds and Chelsea, travels either to Stoke or Sunderland and in the other quarter final the winner of the Norwich Bradford tie, will be at home to either West Brom or Southampton.

The seven fifth round ties produced 21 goals and some tremendous fight-backs.

*The draw for the F.A. Cup quarter-finals, on Saturday, March 6:*

*Stoke or Sunderland v Crystal Palace, Derby County v Bolton Wanderers or Newcastle Manchester United v Wolves, Norwich or Bradford v West Brom or Southampton.*

Man of the round was John Richards, Wolves former England forward.

He started the tie against Charlton as a substitute, but when winger Dave Wagstaffe limped off in the 22nd minute Richards came on to score a hat-trick of goals in the 26th, 55th and 89th minutes.

Wolves' 3-0 win was the most clear-cut of the round.

Crystal Palace let slip a two-goal lead against Chelsea, but Peter Taylor put Palace through to a 3-2 upset victory with an 81st minute free kick which whistled straight into the net.

Palace had taken the lead in the 37th minute when Nick Chatterton scored after Taylor had hit the Crossbar and Taylor grabbed the second goal two minutes later.

Chelsea skipper Ray Wilkins and Steve Wicks scored to level at 2-2 before Taylor, who started a two-match suspension on Monday, slammed in the winner.

Bolton Wanderers and Newcastle shared six goals before a crowd of 46,584, the highest at Bolton for six years.

Sam Allardyce headed the joint Second Division leaders into the lead in the fourth minutes, but two goals by Malcolm MacDonald had Newcastle ahead at the interval.

Garry Jones equalised for Bolton in the 51st minute and after Alan Gowling had restored Newcastle's lead, Paul Jones headed a final equaliser from a corner six minutes from the end.

# SCORES, GOALS FROM U.K.

**English FA Cup—Fifth Round:** Bolton Wanderers 3, Newcastle United 3, Chelsea 2, Crystal Palace 3, Derby County 1, Southea United 0, Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Charlton Athletic 0, Leicester 1, Manchester United 2, Norwich v. Bradford City postponed to Feb. 18, Stoke 0, Sunderland 0, West Bromwich Albion 1. Southampton 1.

**ENGLISH LEAGUE**

**DIVISION ONE.**——SSheffield United 2, Aston Villa 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Queens Park Rangers 3, Birmingham 2, Manchester City 1, Coventry 2, West Ham 0, Middlesbrough 1, Burnley 1.

**DIVISION TWO.**——Bristol Rovers 0, Notts County 0, Orient 0, Bristol City 1, Oxford 1, Oldham 1, York 1, Carlisle 2, Portsmouth 2, Plymouth 0.

**DIVISION THREE.**——Aldershot 3, Chesterfield 1, Cardiff 4, Gillingham 1, Grimsby 1, Hereford 0, Halifax 1, Mansfield 2, Millwall 1, Chester 0, Preston 4, Swindon 2, Shrewsbury 1, Colchester 0, Wrexham 2, Bury 1, Portvale v. Sheffield Wednesday——postponed.

**DIVISION FOUR.**——Barnsley 1, Darlington 0, Bournemouth 4, Watford 1, ...entford 0, Tranmere 1, Crewe 4, Southport 0 (played Friday night), Doncaster 3, Hartlepool 0, Huddersfield 2, Stockport 2, Northampton 4, Cambridge 2, Rochdale 0, Lincoln 0, Torquay 0, Swansea 2, Workington 2, Scunthorpe 3.

**SOUTHERN PREMIER**

Atherstone Town 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Cambridge City 2, Burton Albion 1, Dunstable Town 3, Chelmsford City 2, Kettering Town 1, Weymouth 0, Maidstone United 0, ...

Telford United 0, Tonbridge 0, Wealdstone 3, Dover 4, Wimbledon 2, Grantham 1, Yeovil Town 1, Hillingdown Borough 1.

**NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE**

Barrow 1, Mosley 2, Boston 3, Skelmersdale 2, Fleetwood 0, Altringham 1, Gainsborough 0, Lancaster 0, Gainsborough 0, Gateshead 0, Northwich 1, Goole 0, Wigan 0, Great Harwood 1, Matlock 4, Morecambe 0, Bangor 2, Neitherfield 0, Buxton 0, Runcorn 1, Worksop 2, Scarboro 4, S. Liverpool 3, Stafford 2, Macclesfield 0.

**FIRST DIVISION NORTH**

A.P. Leamington 3, Bedworth United 0, Banbury United 3, Stevenage Athletic 0, Barnet 0, Wellingborough Town 1, Bromsgrove 1, Milton Keynes 0, Cheltenham 5, Corby Town 1, Enderby Town 2, Worcester City 3, Kidderminster 2, Barry Town 2, Gloucester City 1, Witney Town 2, Kings Lynn 0, Redditch United 1, Oswestry Town 4, Merthyr Tydfil 0, Tamworth 1, Bury Town 2.

**SCOTTISH CUP.**

FOURTH ROUND: Ayr United 2, Queen Of The South 2; Cowdenbeath 0, Motherwell 2; Hearts 3, Stirling Albion 2, Hibernian 1, Dundee 1; Montrose 2, Raith 1; Lartick Thistle 0, Dumbarton 0; Rangers 4, Aberdeen 1; Kilmarnock 3, Falkirk 1.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE**

**DIVISION ONE.**——Clyde 1, Morton 2; St. Mirren 0, Arbroath 0, (Both poostponed on January 10).

**DIVISION TWO.**——Berwick 1, Queens Park 1; Brechin 0, MwSOQBNNK %:

**DIVISION TWO.**——Clydebank 2, Albion 2; Forfar Athletic 2, East Stirling 2.

**NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE**

Ards 2, Portadown 4; Coleraine 1, Distillery 0; Crusaders 3, Linfield 2; Glenavon 1, Ballymena 1; Glentoran 3, Bangor 0; Larne 1, Cliftonville 4.

**FRIDAY MATCHES**

**DIVISION TWO.**——Charlton Ath. v. Fulham, postponed.

**DIVISION THREE.**——Walsall 5, Rotheram 1.

**DIVISION FOUR.**——Crewe Alexandra 4, Southport 0; Exeter City 4, Reading 1.

Leading Scorers

**DIVISION ONE.**

23 - Ted McDougall (Norwich)

23 - Alan Gowling (Newcastle)

19 - John Duncan (Tottenham)

18 - Denis Tuerart (Manchester City)

17 - Malcolm MacDonald (Newcastle)

16 - Charlie George (Derby), Peter Noble (Burnley)

**DIVISION TWO.**

17 - Derek Hales (Charlton)

15 - Mick Channon (Southampton)

14 - Les Bradd (Notts County), Paul Chessley (Bristol City)

13 - Paul Mariner (Plymouth), Mike Walsh (Blackpool), Tom Richie (Bristol City)

**DIVISION THREE.**

23 - Alan Buckley (Walsall)

22 - Dixie McNeil (Hereford)

20 - Fred Binney (Brighton)

**DIVISION FOUR.**

27 - Ronnie Moore (Tranmere)

22 - Brendan O'Callaghan (Doncaster)

20 - John Ward (Lincoln

# WORLD SCORES

**GREECE**

Panachaiki 4, Apollon 2, Axs 6, Panaitolikos 1, Panathinaikos 1, Paok 1, Ethnikos 3, Panserraikos 0, Panionios 0, Olympiakos 0, Kastoria 0, Aek 0, Yannina 0, Heracls 0, Pierikos 3, Atromitos 3

**WEST GERMAN**

Eintracht Frankfurt 5, Fortuna Duesseldorf 2, Msv Duisburg 2, Borussia Moenchengladback 3, Bayern Munich 2, Bayer Uerdingen 0, The six other scheduled games were postponed because of bad weather and were played on Tuesday.

**EAST GERMANY**

Dynamo Dresden 3, Sachsenring Zwickau 0, Energie Cottbus 0, Dynamo Berlin 5, Chemie Halle 3, Vorwaerts Frankfurt-i-oder 2, Karl-Marx-Stadt 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 0, Wismut Aue 3, Stahl Riesa 0, Chemie Leipzig 4, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Magdeburg 3, Lok Leipzig 1, Dynamo Dresden Leads the table with 23 points, followed by Magdebrug and Chemie Halle with 21 points each.

Results in the first leg of the East German Soccer Cup Semi-finals: 1. FC Lok Leipzig 1, Dynamo Dresden 1, Fc Vorwaerts Frankfort-i-Oder 1. Fc Magdeburg 2 (The return

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

Dukla Praha 2, Liaz Jablonec 2, Vss Kosice - Slovan Bratislava adjourned because of bad weather, Slavia Praha 2, Tz Trinec 0, Zbrojovka Brno 2, Zvl Zilina 0, Spartak Brnava 2, Skoda Plzen 0, Banik Ostrava 3, Lokomotiva Kosice 2, Inter Bratislava 6, Sklo Union Teplice 1, Jednota Trencin 1, Bohemians Praha 0

**TURKEY**

Besiktas 1, Balikesirspor 0, Goztepe 1, Ankaragucu 0, Trabzonspor 1, Galatasaray 0, Adanaspor 1, Eskisehirspor 0, Giresunspor 0, Orduspor 0, Boluspor 1, Adana Demirspor 1, Bursaynor 2, Altay 0, Zonguldakspor 0, Fenerbahce 1.

**PORTUGAL**

Benfica 1, Belenenses 1, Academico 4, Farense 0, Porto 1, Cuf 0, Guimaraes 1, Boavista 1, Tomar 1, Braga 4, Setubal 2, Sporting 2, Atletico 1, Beira Mar 1, Estoril 2, Leixoes 0

**BELGIUM**

Standard Liege 4, As Ostend 2, Beerschot 6, La Louviere 2, Rwd Molenbeek 0, Lierese 0, Beringen 0, Cercle Bruges 0, Fc Malines 1, Beveren 0, Antwerp 1, Racing Malines 0, Sc Charleroi 2, Anderlecht 2, Lokeren 0,

# REPLAYS

London, Replay dates of English F.A. Cup fifth round matches:

Tuesday, Feb 17: Southampton v West Brom, Sunderland v Stoke.

Wednesday, Feb 18: Newcastle v Bolton Wanderers.

The Norwich v Bradford fifth round match which was postponed is also scheduled for next

# Rangers drawn away

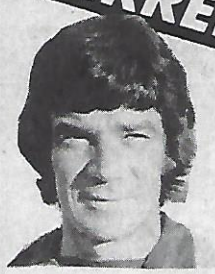
**GLASGOW, — Glasgow Rangers, hot favourites to win the Scottish Football Association cup, have been drawn away to either Premier Division rival Ayr United or First Division Queen of the South in the quarter finals to be played on March 6.**

Motherwell, conquerer of cup holder Glasgow Celtic in an earlier round, is at home to either Hibernian or dundee united, while Kilmarnock must travel to meet the winner of the replay between Partick Thistle and Dumbarton.

The fourth tie sees Montrose drawn at home to Premier League club Hearts — AAP

*As full-time boss of St. George Budapest, JOHNNY WARREN led the club to the 1974 and 1975 NSW championship. During his 14 years with the club, he was awarded the MBE, was national team captain for six years until he suffered a serious knee injury, and gained his FIFA coaching certificate under the famous Dettmar Cramer.*

WARREN



# Where are the Aussies?

Like most Australian soccer people I hope Australia makes it to Argentina for the 1978 World Cup finals.

As West Germany proved in 1974, the invaluable public relations provides a tremendous boost to our great game.

But despite our creditable performances against Moscow Dynamo and more recently Velez Mostar, there is something more disturbing about our football at the moment than immediate results and getting to Argentina.

And that is the declining local content in our national team.

Before everyone jumps on my head, let me be the first to acknowledge the important role of imported players in increasing our standards and their part in our previous successes.

However, since our first World Cup entry back in '65 the local content has, after a sharp rise in '69 and '73 showed an alarming decline.

For example, of the regular members in the various squads, and forgetting my own role, we have had the following:

1965: Roberts, Rorke, Scheinflug (captain) Watkiss.

In the matches leading up to and including the 1969 World Cup elimination matches, we had Corry, Schaefer, Abonyi, Baartz, Watkiss and Vojtek.

For the '73 series, we saw locals Baartz, Corry, Fraser, Schaefer, Watkiss, Richards and Curran.

In our last international against Velez Mostar in Sydney several weeks ago, the local content had dropped to Clarke, Bennett and Barnes.

And according to the Sydney press, Bennett's immediate position in the team for the future is in some doubt.

This does not reflect on our current national boss, Brian Green, who like all in charge, selects what he considers the best eleven.

But it does reflect on all of us in Australian soccer.

With some 340,000 players Australia-wide and a history of the game here stretching back to 1881 (one of the first countries to introduce soccer), only three locals are now good enough to play for the national team.

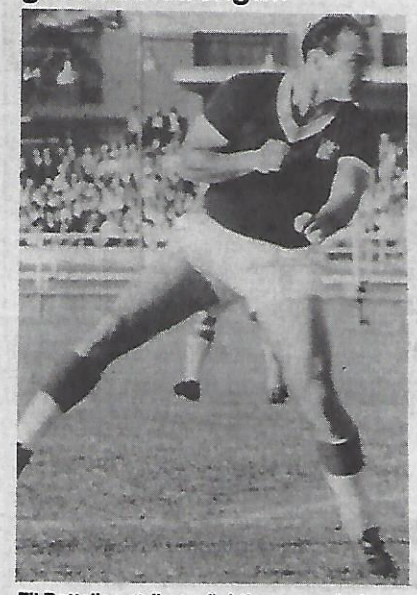
Blame who you like for this sorry state of affairs — the juniors for their lack of coaching, the players for their lack of dedication or the first division clubs for their lack of opportunity to youngsters, but the simple truth is that more has to be done to overcome this disturbing problem.

We cannot expect the Australian sporting public at large to accept soccer if a higher percentage of its 340,000 players are not developed into national team stars.

BILL VOJTEK

# First step towards testimonial matches

**"Soccer Action's" campaign for testimonial matches in soccer has gathered strength.**



Fil Bottalico strikes a fighting pose during a match with APIA.

*First Division club Albion Rovers, which plays at well-appointed Selwyn Park in Sunshine, has offered its ground free of charge as the venue for testimonial matches in Victoria.*

Albion Rovers says it would make its ground available without charging a percentage, the way Olympic Park does.

This is great news!

**Now, we want you, the readers, to write in and tell us how you think testimonial matches should be organised, both in Victoria and NSW.**

Should we introduce them as from now, and forget about the past?

Should we concentrate on honoring **Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.), **John Watkiss** (Sutherland), **Lou Kastner** (George Cross), **Dino DeMarchi** (Juventus), **Atilla Abonyi** (St. George), **Mike Olinowski** (Polonia), **Eddy Marmur** (Polonia), **Jim Armstrong** (Hellas) and other present-day players, or should we go back and also honor fellows like **John Anderson** (Hellas), **John Warren** (St. George) **Fil Bottalico** (APIA) **Ernie Ackerley** (Hellas), **Horst Rau** (Croatia) and **Marko Fode** (Hellas and J.U.S.T.), who have all retired?

Write in and tell us what you think.

**Should the Victorian and NSW Soccer Federations take 5% or 10% of income from international games and put it in a "testimonial fund"?**

Let's have your view.

## Common in Europe

Personally speaking, I reckon it's about time that long-serving players should be given some sort of recognition.

Testimonial matches are the obvious way to do this.

They're common in Europe.

Belgium star **Paul van Himst**, for instance, was given a testimonial match recently, against a team of all-stars including such names as **Katalinski** of Yugoslavia **Eusebio** of Portugal and **Cruyff** of Holland.

At the moment, Australia's long-serving players get a big fat zero.

**Who would deny that Dino DeMarchi, for example, who started with Juventus as a team mascot and who retired last year after about 20 years, deserves some sort of recognition?**

Don't think I'm looking after my own interests because I've been around for so long.

The fact is, a Vojtek testimonial match is the furthest thing from my mind, because I intend playing till I'm at least 40.

What I am saying is that Victorian soccer has certain players who have helped make the game — pioneers who must be recognised as such.

There will always be such players, there will always be the need to honor them. The time to start is now.

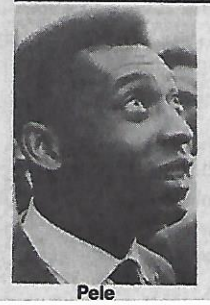
**Let us know what you think. Send your letters to "Soccer Action," 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000.**

Jim Armstrong of Hellas.

Horst Rau (right) of defunct Croatia, moves in as Frank Barbazza of J.U.S.T. heads goalward.

J.U.S.T.'s long-serving general Frank Micic (second from left) enjoys a soft drink with team mates, from left, Ambrose Morgan, Keith van derPoel and Billy Rice.

# Pele files for divorce



Pele

**RIO DE JANEIRO, — Edson Arantes do Nascimento, Brazil's erstwhile soccer "King" Pele, has entered a petition for legal separation from his wife Rosemeri Cholbi do Nascimento.**

The petition was lodged in the court in Santos where Pele and Rosemeri were married almost exactly 10 years ago.

They have two children, Kelly Christina, nine, and Edson Cholbi, five.

No reason for the separation was mentioned. There is no divorce in Brazil.

Meanwhile, Pele is finally going to play in an arena worth his talents — Yankee Stadium.

The New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League announced they have signed a one-year contract with the City of New York to play their home games for 1976 in the newly refurbished, 55,000-seat Yankee Stadium after spending the last two seasons in Downing Stadium on Randalls Island.

The Cosmos will play 12 games at Yankee Stadium, with their season home opener set for Sunday, May 2.

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## JOHN CARUBBI

**Melbourne, febbraio**

Fiumi di inchiostro stanno scorrendo sulle pagine dei giornali sportivi del Victoria in tutte le lingue, a proposito di Duncan Cummings. L'ultima notizia, stampata da un quotidiano della sera informa (al momento in cui scrivo) che Cummings si stà allenando al football australiano con una squadra di rango della V.F.L.

Il ragazzo quindi si accinge a dare conferma (aggiornata nel numero) dell'adagio italiano secondo il quale tra due che litigano, il terzo gode. Qui, capita di peggio. I litiganti fino ad oggi, sono stati tre.

Nel mondo paradossale del soccer australiano, nasce (anzi, viene importato in tenera età) un talento calcistico di tutto riguardo (non in senso assoluto, intendiamoci ma in quello relativo al calcio moderno), e subito diventa il pomo della discordia fra tre o quattro pretendenti al suo cartellino e l'interessato per reazione, principio, testardaggine o altro passa nel campo della palla ovale.

Cosi non è abbastanza che (non esito a sottoscriverlo) diecine di Cummings si perdono per strada a causa della poca lungimiranza dei tanti esperti che infestano l'acerbo mondo del calcio australiano, ma quando uno vien fuori, lo si costringe o meglio si collabora a fargli barattare la sfera, per l'uovo di cuoio.

E non si venga a dire che dopo tutto non sarebbe grave perdita per il calcio il passaggio di Duncan al football, perchè in tal caso si passerebbero i limiti dell'insipienza calcistica più retriva.

A parte il fatto che un giovane calciatore non lo si lascia avvizzire in una atmosfera di mercantili ambizioni (del tytto fuori luogo o per lo meno sproporzionate al valore finanziario del soccer, cosi qual è quello australiano del momento, Cummings è la personificazione del calcio più moderno fatto di agonismo (leggi Riva) senso volpino della rete (leggi Mueller) secchezza e potenza di tiro (Riva ancora), spigolosità nei contrasti (calcio atletico) ed altro.

L'unico neo che può avere il ragazzo è forse la mancanza di una più stretta aderenza ad una certa disciplina tattica, il che, peraltro, è difficilmente dimostrabile perchè (e qui casca l'asino dei tanti esperti del calcio locale) dove e quando mai si è vista in Australia una impostazione di uomini e reparti di un certo acume e di una certa modernità d'assieme? A meno che non si voglia ricorrere ancora una volta come esempio di fisionomia tattica di squadra, alle «barricate» della nazionale australiana in Germania: in tal caso conviene chiudere il discorso sul più madornale equivoco di visione, interpretazione (e lettura, direbbe Rocco) di calcio collettivo, mai visto.

Che torni quindi Duncan Cummings, al soccer, che i giovanissimi imparino da lui e che i vari «coaches» con i quali avrà a che fare lo utilizzino nel contesto di una squadra costruita in modo che faccia senso, giocando un calcio articolato, costruttivo, efficace, dialogato tra uomo e uomo (Cummings-Palinkas?) fra reparto e reparto.

**Luigi Riva**

## RAZGOVOR SA PUBLIKOM

Kada se aktivni igrač nadje na tribinama medju publikom, ne shvaća niti odobrava njihovo ponašanje i raspoloženje.

Protivu Hellasa JUST je igrao krasno, tip nogometa kakovog smo uvijek njegovali i sa njim plenili srca nogometne publike. Mnogo češće nam je uspjevalo da nametnemo svoju igru nego što nije. Tako je i ovog puta publika pljeskala i bodrila moj tim kad mu je sve polazilo za nogom, kad smo protivnika spustili na koljena.

Dvije sedmice kasnije bio sam opet na tribinama, skoro na istom mjestu medju istim navijačima. Protivnik nam je bio Hakoah. Vidjelo se na samom početku da to nije isti JUST, iako je sastav bio neizmjenjen. Četiri reprezentativca, koji su se proslavili u igri protiv Veleža, bili su samo svoja sjenka. Bez dovoljno kondicije bili su prepušteni velikom naporu, koji ih je vrlo brzo svladao. Kada su popustili Kazi, Krieris, Kondarios i Ristovski zbog iscrpljenosti za njima je odmah čitav tim podbacio.

U takovim trenucima publika može odigrati važnu ulogu, ako razumije problem i potrebu igrača. Ali ona neće da razumije „da Božić nije svaki dan", te poč ne bukati i zviždati za najmanju grešku. Tako je bilo sa Hakoahom, na JUST-ove igrače se sručio gnjev nepravične publike. Ima igrača na koje to utiče, te još lošije igraju, izgube svaku koncentraciju, ne mogu se sastati sa balunom.

Sa mnom je suprotan slučaj. Ukoliko publika više buče ja igram bolje, puno puta nadmašim svoje mogućnosti.

Predlažem publici da kad već ne znada bodri svoj tim, - neka muči!

Ja mislim da je JUST naučio dobro lekciju na utakmici sa Hakoahom, te se ista greška ne može ponoviti protivu Slavije. Znam da će igrači učiniti sve da nastupe odmorni, a i trener Ciro neće morati da misli što mu igrači rade na državnom treningu, te ćemo nanovo vidjeti pravu igru JUST-a.

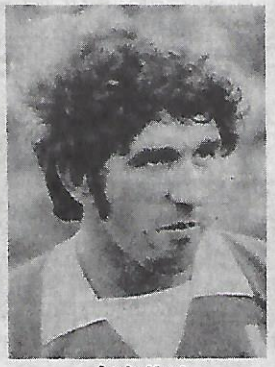
Tipujem JUST-a da će pobjediti Slaviju i plasirati se u finale Ampol kupa na koji smo se pretplatili.

Što se mene tiče ne mislim dugo ostati u publici. Počeo sam trčati oko kuće, za svaki slučaj da budem spreman ako nam slabo podje.

Frank Micić

**FRANK MICIC**

**Jim Kriaris**



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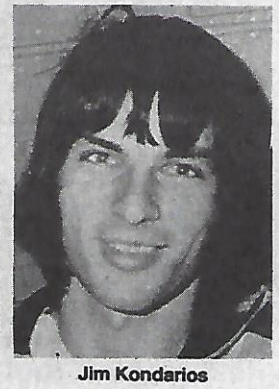

**Jim Kondarios**

# BRING ON THOSE BIKINIS!

**An old Yogi once said all things are relative. Good looking or ugly, poor or politician are distinguishable only from where you choose to stand.**

In the U.S. of A., soccer teams emanate from the plus columns of Wall Street, under the American aphorism: "Millions make millions, dogs draw flies."

New York Cosmos needs crowd-drawing glamor.

"Get me the world's most expensive man," the cry goes out.

"Give that man a billion dollars, a key to the most exclusive fallout shelter and a gold pass to Disneyland.

"Oh, by the way, it would help if he could play that soccer game thing."

Here Down Under, the get-that-man fee ranges as high as the tram fare from Hellas to Fitzroy and an interview with **Fred Villiers**.

(Speaking of Fred, I was at Channel 7 studios recently during the transmission of that Cyclops of a program **"World of Sport,"** in which Fred and his instant soccer segment among the copious congestion of THAT egg ball game, was reminiscent of the token nigger in old Hollywood movies.)

When the Yanks decide to get into something, they start at the top and go big, big, bigger. This is entertainment, they argue. Here, the catch-cry is argue.

Herein lies the foible of local soccer. Where are the flashing lights, the tinsel, the glitter and promotion?

Where are the bikinis? Who is striking up the band? Where are the bikinis?

Not a famous bosom doing a lap of honor in sight, not an orgy of color and enthusiasm to blind the spectator is to be had.

We must approach soccer with sell, sell, sold, and not leave it all to K-tel and **Doug Elliot**.

Bring on the dancing girls!

Now, I would never consider calling the doyens of soccer in this land a band of lacklustre, fuddy-duddy geriatrics, but advanced age does bring with it a certain degree of wrinkles, duck-like waddling and a desire to cool it to a point of deep freeze.

Let us take a brief look at the history here.

In the mid sixties major games attracted up to 20,000 people. By the mid-seventies attendances have depreciated to less than 6,000.

If this trend is allowed to continue, by the mid eighties the hot dog seller will have to be subsidised, clubs reduced to joining Lonely Hearts for affection, **Laurie Schwab** and **Jim Barker's** only alternative will be to swap notes and poor **Marilyn** told to stick her box of chocolates.

Olympic Park has allowed the suburbs to move too far away, and dare I say it, VFL (stand to read that name) has been allowed to get its greedy, grotty, grubby great hands on our migrants.

Look at that graphic nondisplay of soccer's demise, the streaker.

Ah! There's the rub! **SOCCER DOES NOT RATE A STREAKER.**

English football has them, somnolent cricket uses them, Australian Rules (stand to read that name) is signing them up for the coming season but the VSF, it just doesn't realise the streakers' conspicuous status value.

Recruit, recruit, recruit.

Give us superstars, idols, tin gods, dancing girls and even the ultimate, give us Jonathan E.

Next week I will continue with the flow of this story, the seduction of the young, or how they kept me out of soccer.

**KNUT WERNER**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR — Fred Habbe makes some fundamental mistakes in his argument against national names in soccer.

He says Hellas and Alexander draw crowds because they're playing good soccer, not because they're Greek teams.

I agree. However, who are the people who watch? They're Greeks, and because they're Greeks, they're entitled to club names that suit them.

If Alexander and Hellas weren't playing well, then probably the crowds would be smaller. The reason for this would be that **THE GREEKS** would stay at home. Once again, we get down to the fact that it is **THE GREEKS** who support these clubs, who provide the money for them to operate.

— **Dimitri Zikitis, Collingwood, Vic.**

SIR — After reading your column on ethnic club names by Fred Habbe I would like to give you my opinion.

I think the sooner you get these ethnic club names OUT the better, the sooner you get Au- more spectators you will get, especially if you have local names of towns.

People will get interested and go along to see how their local team is getting along. This would be a great step ahead for soccer.

I am a great soccer fan and followed my local soccer club in the UK, but who would go and support clubs with names like Hakoah, Hellas, Juventus, etc? Not me! Give me Melbourne, St. Kilda, Fitzroy any day!! (I think these club managers who wish to retain these foreign names are being very selfish to Australia and to the future of soccer in Australia.

Why don't they wake up to this fact? We want soccer to advance and be Australia's No. 1 sport, but it never will be if they continue to use these ethnic names.

They appear to have more regard for the name of their club than for the sport itself.

— **Soccer Fan.**

SIR — I want to say how much I agree with Billy Vojtek's column on ethnic names.

clubs with ethnic names should be allowed to keep those names.

To each his own. Live and let live.

It's ridiculous to suggest that soccer could ever have grown here without the ethnic influence.

Europeans popularised the game here. Before they arrived, Australia had almost 100 years of soccer, but the game was about as big as competitive marbles.

— **Joe Spiteri, Airport West, Vic.**


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PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan League.

# FINALLY — AUSTRIA TO MOVE

**Keilor-Austria's long awaited dream has come true . . . for years the club has wanted to move to its own complex.**

The dream has finally become a reality after years of waiting.

This season the club's headquarters will be at the Foster Reserve at Keilor.

Keilor Austria has recruited six South American players in its endeavour to gain promotion.

Yugoslavian **Mike Lukic** is the club's coach for the new year, and he reckons his new team has the talent to return to Division One.

## Ajax signs recruits

Green Gully Ajax has been strengthened by the addition of various players to its ranks.

It has gained **David Cole** of Moreland and **Ray Collins** of Sunbury and hopes to get **Peter Marshall** of Keilor City.

**Mike de Bruyckere** is coach of the side and team-mate **Tony Vella** will be his assistant.

Work will soon start on the ground and pavilion.

This season the side will field seven junior sides which will be controlled by a committee of 25.

Green Gully is still negotiating for players to compete in the 1976 season.

## A bid for promotion

**Ringwood United, the team that narrowly missed promotion to second division, will make an all out attempt to get there this year.**

The club has kept all of last season's players and is negotiating for a few more.

The club's ground, Hubbard Reserve at Ringwood, will be updated before the season kicks off on April 10.

The local council will instal drainage over part of the oval and a toilet block will be built.

**Plans are being drawn for a huge sporting complex.**

It's hoped the complex, which will include about three grounds and dressingrooms, will be ready for use within two years.

The complex will probably be funded by council, the club and a loan.

Former State League player and popular club member **Benny de Bruyckere** will marry **Gayle Collins** on March 27.

Last season's best and fairest **Eric Wilks** broke an ankle late last year but he will be available at the start of the season.

Austrian born **Frank Wimmer** will coach Ringwood United for the second successive season.

## Deguara stays

**Doncaster Rovers, promoted to third division, plan to go one better this season and jump to the second division.**

Last season's coach **Joe Deguara** is once again the club's leader and he is to be assisted by former junior coach, **Graham McIntosh.**

Last week, Doncaster Rovers played two practice games against Box Hill and on Saturday will meet Monash University in senior and reserve matches.

The club has entered three senior sides and an under 20 team.

Training nights are Tuesday and Thursday at Whitefriars College Donvale.

## Springvale's new crest

**This is Springvale City's new crest. It was designed by Raelene Clarke, a tracer with the Board of Works.**

Raelene's boss is **John Speelmeyer,** junior secretary of Springvale and a supervising draftsman with the MMBW.

The crest will be worn by all Springvale teams this season.

Incidentally, Springvale urgently needs coaches for its thirds and junior teams.

Senior coach **Tim White** will advise them if necessary.

Anyone interested should ring **John Speelmeyer** on 615 5795 (Business) or 547 4724 (after hours).

## Selling shares

**An unusual campaign has been launched to try to make Springvale City Club's new social and changing rooms a success.**

A Springvale councillor, Peter Collins, is a main worker behind the programme.

Cr Collins is a vice-president of the club.

The club welcomes anyone to become shareholders in a co-operative society which is being formed.

Springvale City has to raise $3000 or 10 per cent of the total cost, through the sale of shares in the co-operative.

Springvale council will contribute half the capital cost of the project over a 10 year period.

The club will kick off the new season with a smorgasbord dance on Friday, March 5.

It will be held at the Dingley Hall, Marcus Road, Dingley.

Tickets, priced at $8, can be obtained by phoning Mr. H. Healey on 547 1274.

## Players wanted

**Mitcham United, of the north division of the District League, will give its young players plenty of work in the new season.**

Mitcham United was runner-up last year and before that won the league and cup in successive years.

The club still needs players for the new year — both senior and junior.

Anyone interested can contact **B. Nyhuis** on 728 3193. Mitcham trains at Terrara Park, Vermont, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6 pm and 8 pm.

## Magee is coach

**University of Melbourne has elected Noel Magee as its coach.**

The club, run mainly on social lines, is made up of students, former students and graduates of Melbourne University.

The fourth division side will continue to play at Princes Park, Carlton, this year.

## Port Melb. series

**Port Melbourne has started its annual Sunday summer competition.**

The competition — which lasts six weeks — is contested by six teams. It will run for four weeks. The three games were all drawn in the opening round of the competition.

Port Melbourne will be coached, for the third successive season, by **Jim Svagos.**

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

ΧΑΣΤΟΥΚΙ, ΣΤΟ ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΟ

Γιὰ μιὰ ἀκόμη φορὰ τὸ ποδόσφαιρο τῆς Βικτωρίας καὶ γενικώτερα τῆς Αὐστραλίας δέχθηκε «χαστούκι» ἀπὸ τοὺς διοργανωτὲς καὶ πατέρες τῶν σπὸρ τῆς χώρας αὐτῆς ! ! Γιὰ μιὰ ἀκόμη φορὰ προσπάθησαν νὰ παραμερίσουν ἕνα ἄθλημα ποὺ πρὸς μεγάλη τους . . . ἀπογοήτευση καταλαμβάνει ὅλο καὶ μεγαλύτερο χῶρο στὴν Αὐστραλία. "Ενα ἄθλημα ποὺ ἐπρόβαλε τὴν χώρα διεθνῶς, κατὰ πολὺ περισσότερο ἀπ' ὅτι τὸ «φουτμπὸλ», γιὰ τὴν «διάσωση» τοῦ ὁποίου ξοδεύονται ἑκατομμύρια δολλάρια! Τὸ ποδόσφαιρο τῆς Βικτωρίας δέχθηκε τὸ χαστούκι, γιὰ μιὰ ἀκόμη φορά, τὴν περασμένη Τρίτη, στὴν βραδυὰ τῆς ἀναδείξεως τοῦ καλύτερου ἀθλητοῦ τῆς χρονιᾶς σύμφωνα μὲ τὶς ἐπιδιώξεις του! "Αν ὅμως ρίχνατε μιὰ ματιὰ στὴ λίστα τῶν ὑποψηφίων γιὰ τὸ ἔπαθλο, θὰ βλέπατε ὅτι δὲν ὑπῆρχε κανένα ὄνομα ποδοσφαιριστοῦ!

Φ. ΝΤ. ΚΑΜΜΙΝΓΚΣ

"Οχι μόνον δὲν ὑπῆρχε ὑποψήφιος, ἀλλὰ οὔτε κἄν... σκέφθηκαν ὅτι ὑπάρχει καὶ ποδόσφαιρο σ' αὐτὴ τὴν χώρα, ποὺ τὸ ἀποτελοῦν ἀθλητὲς οἱ ὁποῖοι καταβάλουν τὶς ἴδιες καλὲς προσπάθειες γιὰ τὴν διατήρηση τῆς ἀθλητικῆς ἰδέας καὶ ἑπομένως τοὺς ἀξίζει ἔστω καὶ μία σχετικὴ ἀναγνώριση σὲ πλατύτερο ἐπίπεδο.

Βλέπετε ὅμως ὅτι τὸ ποδόσφαιρο δὲν ἔχει ἀποκτήσει ἀκόμη τὴν δημοτικότητα ποὺ πρέπει μὲ ἀποτέλεσμα νὰ μὴν ἔχει τὴν ἐμπορικότητα ἄλλων ἀθλημάτων. Καί φυσικὰ δὲν ἐνδιαφέρει τοὺς δραγανωτὲς τῆς βραδυᾶς!

Ἀγνόησαν, λοιπόν, γιὰ μιὰ ἀκόμη φορὰ τὸ ποδόσφαιρο στὴν βραδυὰ τῆς βραβεύσεως τοῦ καλύτερου ἀθλητοῦ τῆς χρονιᾶς!

"Ας μὴ νομισθῆ ὅτι θέλουμε τὸν νικητὴ νὰ εἶναι ποδοσφαιριστὴς ὁπωσδήποτε! "Οχι! Δὲν μποροῦμε ὅμως νὰ ἀνεχθοῦμε τὴν συνεχιζόμενη ἀδιαφορία γιὰ τὸ ποδόσφαιρο καὶ τὸν παραμερισμὸ τοῦ ἀθλήματος. Ἐκτὸς φυσικὰ ἂν δὲν θεωροῦν τὴν ἀνακήρυξη τοῦ Φράνκ Ντόνακι, ὡς πρώτου σκόρερ τοῦ πρωταθλήματος, τοῦ Μπίλλυ Βόϊτσεκ, ὡς καλύτερου ποδοσφαιριστὴ τῆς χρονιᾶς καὶ τοῦ Ντάνκαν Κάμμινγκς, ὡς τὸν καλύτερο νεαρὸ παίκτη κάτω τῶν 21 ἐτῶν, ὡς σοβαρὰ ἐπιτεύγματα γιὰ τὰ ὁποῖα ἕνας τοὐλάχιστον θὰ μποροῦσε νὰ προταθῆ ὡς ὑποψήφιος! Ἡ ἐκλογὴ τῶν ὑποψηφίων πρέπει νὰ γίνεται ἀπὸ ὅλα τὰ ἀθλήματα γενικὰ καὶ ὄχι μόνο ἀπὸ αὐτὰ ποὺ ἐξυπηρετοῦν τὶς ἐμπορικὲς φιλοδοξίες τῶν διοργανωτῶν.

Φ. ΝΤΟΝΑΚΙ

ΕΘΝΙΚΑ ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΩΝ

Στὴν ἐπικαιρότητα καὶ πάλι τὰ «Ἐθνικὰ ὀνόματα» τῶν συλλόγων! Στὴν πρώτη ἔκδοση τοῦ «Σόκερ Ἄκσιον» ὁ Μπίλλυ Βόϊτσακ ὑπεστήριξε τὴν διατήρηση τῶν «Ἐθνικῶν ὀνομάτων τῶν συλλόγων», ἐνῶ στὴν περασμένη ἔκδοση ὁ Φρὲντ Χάμη διαφώνησε ὑποστηρίζοντας ὅτι ἂν θέλαμε τὸ ποδόσφαιρο νὰ πάη μπροστὰ στὴν Αὐστραλία θὰ πρέπει οἱ σύλλογοι νὰ ἐγκαταλείψουν ὀνόματα ὅπως «Ἑλλάς», «Ἀλέξανδρος», Σλάβια, Πολώνια κλπ

Ἡ γνώμη μου εἶναι ὅτι τὰ ἀρχικὰ ὀνόματα θὰ πρέπει νὰ διατηρηθοῦν. "Ηδη οἱ περισσότεροι σύλλογοι φέρουν καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τῆς συνοικίας στὴν ὁποία ἀνήκουν! Τὸ ποδόσφαιρο ἱδρύθηκε ἀπὸ μετανάστες, τὸ μεγαλύτερο ἔμψυχο ὑλικὸ αὐτῆς τῆς χώρας! Μετανάστες ποὺ μόχθησαν γιὰ νὰ καθιερώσουν τὸ ποδόσφαιρο στὴν χώρα τοῦ Κρίκετ καὶ τοῦ «Αὐστραλέζικου» φούτμπωλ. Τὰ ὀνόματα ποὺ ἔδωσαν στοὺς συλλόγους τους ἦταν δεμένα μὲ τὴ χώρα ἀπὸ τὴν ὁποία ἦλθαν καὶ ὅπωσδήποτε νοιώθουν τοὐλάχιστον ψυχικὴ ἱκανοποίηση φωνάζοντας τὸ ὄνομα τῆς ὁμάδος τὸ ὁποῖο αὐτοὶ ἔδωσαν. Εἶναι σὰ νὰ θέλουν ν' ἀλλάξουν τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ παιδιοῦ ποὺ ἔχεις βαπτίσει!

"Οχι, δὲν συμφωνῶ μὲ τὴν κατάργηση τῶν «πρώτων» ὀνομάτων τῶν συλλόγων! Πρέπει νὰ διατηρηθοῦν τιμῆς ἕνεκεν, γιὰ αὐτοὺς ποὺ καθιέρωσαν τὸ ποδόσφαιρο στὴν Αὐστραλία!

"Αν θέλουμε Αὐστραλέζικα ὀνόματα στοὺς συλλόγους, τότε θὰ πρέπει νὰ καταφύγουμε σὲ ὀνόματα ὅπως . . . «Παραγκα τάνγκ», «Ἐτομόγκα», «Γουπλχάλπ», «Γιάν—Γῆν» κλπ. καὶ ὄχι Ρίτζμοντ, Κόλλινγκγουντ, Φιτζρόϋ, διότι καὶ αὐτὰ εἶναι ἐθνικὰ ὀνόματα! τῶν Βρεταννῶν μεταναστῶν φυσικά!

Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ.

# Charity series in Latrobe Valley

**The 1976 Charity Bowl series organised every year by Latrobe Valley referees, will kick off at Crinigan Reserve, Morwell, on March 7.**

The series is carried out yearly by the referees to raise funds for charity. Its founder is **Mr Eddie Grimpukel.**

The charity chosen for the 1976 season is Cooinda Hill Training Centre, at Traralgon. Money raised will go towards the new building for the children.

**FIXTURES:**

**Round 1** March 7, 1976: (a) Fortuna V Pegasus at Moe Soccer Ground and (b) Newborough V Leongatha at Maryvale Reserve Morwell.

**Round 2** March 13, 1976: (c) Moe V Churchill at Crinigan Reserve Morwell, (d) Sale V Monash at Churchill Soccer Ground, (e) Traralgon V Winner (a) at Maryvale Reserve, Morwell, (f) Rangers V Winner (b) at Moe Soccer Ground.

**SEMI-FINAL** March 20, 1976: F.-V-C. at Crinigan Reserve Morwell, E.-v-D. at Churchill Soccer Ground.

**FINAL** March 27, 1976: To be played at Crinigan Reserve Morwell. K.O. reserves 12.45pm, seniors 2.45 pm. Admission 60c.

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